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Answer the questions below then find the answers in the FIND-A-STAR above

- 1) Other than Paul Gascoigne Brian Laudrup which other foreigner joins the ranks of Scottish champions Glasgow Rangers?
- 2) Name the French International who scored his first English soccer goal for his new side Newcastle Utd?
- 3) Who are the 'Cypriots' in the Champions League?
- 4) Name the coach of Marconi?
- 5) Name the booming young star from Ghana making waves in England for Leeds?
- 6) Who scored his 50th goal for Liverpool against Tottenham last week?
- 7) In World Cup USA '94, which coach only a month before the World Cup began, had one of the most powerful European teams — only to have the top six players revolt against him — leaving him with an easy beat side?
- 8) In the same World Cup which coach said: "It is not sex that weakens the minds and bodies of young footballers — it is staying up all night looking for it!"
- 9) Who were the 'Inter Milan striking duo in the Dutch side in USA '94?
- 10) Who are the names ALDRIDGE, HOUGHTON and NICOL synonymous with?

Darren Ally

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Eagles out on a limb

Parramatta Eagles must really be peeved!

Let's think about it for a second. Everyone who's anyone in soccer is of the opinion that the unfortunate Eagles would be the first team re-admitted into the NSL (A League, Premier League, First Division — who knows what they'll call it) should anyone be re-admitted at all.

Sink your teeth into reality and you'll see this is not the case. Let's have a look at the facts: There are currently three Sydney teams in the proposed 12-team league and there are two from Melbourne.

I can't really see Soccer Australia

admitting the Eagles into a national competition, increasing the Sydney based teams to four and leaving Melbourne at two.

Aren't they (Soccer Australia) already in the VSF's bad books after dumping the Melbourne Zebras and Heidelberg?

So I'll cut through the fog and stick my neck out. The 'star-studded' Canberra Cosmos, recently beaten by the AIS students twice, will be out of the proposed new league by this time next week. And in a purely political decision they'll be replaced by the Zebras.

The Eagles still left in the wings. Remember you read it here first!

Corica saga continues

The perennial transfer saga of Steve Corica continues.

Corica (below) is one of the brightest talents to have been groomed by the production line of Aussie football and his future is in jeopardy because of pettiness, pomposity and personalities.

Corica is widely believed to be valued on the overseas market at between \$A600-800,000. So why on earth is he being compared to the \$A1.7 million offered by Leicester City for Socceroo keeper Zeljko Kalac.

A similar figure has been asked for Corica and the offer of \$A100,000 by Leicester is ludicrous.

But wait! they did revise it to \$A150,000. How is it possible for two clubs to differ so much? Will Corica be denied his god-given right to do what he does best because of attitude problems off the park?

Get rid of the bureaucracy and blatant abuse of power. Marconi and Leicester City
WAKE UP!

Kosmina's Dolphins

- NSW Champions



BY JOHN ECONOMOS

JOHN KOSMINA, Australia's former World Cup captain, completed a historic 'double' for his club last Saturday night when he guided Warringah Dolphins to take out the NSW Super League Grand Final, defeating Blacktown City 1-0 at the Marconi Stadium.

Having already taken out the 'first-past-the-post' money, Kosmina had his sights firmly fixed on the final to grab for his club a second cheque.

Played on a wet Marconi pitch, Kosmina's infectious hunger for success was not dampened and it took the Dolphins just six minutes to surface and dive into the lead following a corner.

It was fitting that Dolphins captain, the industrious right midfielder



1995 NSW Champions: Warringah Dolphins in a celebratory pose.

Ross Etherington, was the scorer.

With an ounce of luck the Dolphins could have nailed in another two before the break.

Their giant blond and

heroic centre-back, Stevie Hickman, had crashed his way into Blacktown's box.

But he watched in horror as his elegantly struck left footed outstep and inswinger towards the far post, was

denied a wonderful goal by an equally wonderful, if not spectacular save by City's horizontal custodian Pupovac.

After the match, Kosmina was surprisingly calm despite the cacophony that had enveloped the entire Dolphins dressing rooms as his players broke out with repeated songs of victory.

The former international goal-ace, while still sucking on a well-earned drink, reflected to ABSW: "I have a great bunch of fighters here as you saw out on the pitch tonight. It was character that won it for us. Everyone of them died for each other and they all played as a tight unit.

"But to their credit, Blacktown City fought extremely hard.

"Just on chances though, we should have finished them off," ended Kosmina.

An exhausted Etherington was slowly ripping off his socks as he told us: "It was a very tough and fast game.



John Kosmina with his skipper and right midfielder Ross Etherington.

"Blacktown City played very well and forced us to defend hard.

"We scored early and we had some luck which can always help in Soccer".

The happy and proud skipper of the Dolphins, ended by stating: "It's been a long time coming (success)

for the North shore of Sydney.

"I'm ecstatic to say the least".

Meanwhile the forever singing and powerful defender Hickman, took a short break from his ' Sinatra-act' to tell ABSW: "We thought we needed an

early goal and got it. We surely must have been the best defensive side in the comp this season.

"But you must give it to Blacktown as they really ended up playing with virtually just nine men towards the end and they put up a great show in defeat".



Dolphins' director of soccer Pasquale Barbalace holding the coveted cup with Warringah Dolphins coach John Kosmina.

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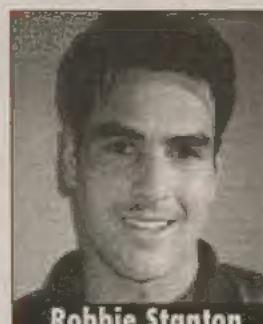
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Getting the game right

BY CON STAVROS*

Several years ago in ABSW I published a list of recommendations for improving the NSL based on a purely commercial assessment of the game's shortcomings.

Virtually none have been implemented, although there are signs that the present soccer administration is moving in the general direction suggested.

With the NSL season almost upon us yet again and the mandatory cliché of the game being at the "crossroads" about to be over-used, I thought I'd air my thoughts once again given the present delicate climate of the codes future in this country.

Whilst some recommendations are straightforward, others are clearly controversial.

My aim is to attract new spectators, improve the entertainment for existing fans, increase the professionalism of the league and secure the game's future in this country.

In no way am I suggesting which teams should be in the league and which shouldn't.

Here then, in no particular order, are my top 10 improvements for the NSL. Let me know what you think.

1. REDUCE THE NUMBER OF TEAMS

Might as well get the most controversial out of the way first.

The league realistically at present has too many teams for the talent pool and spectator base available.

Forget the debate about 12 or 14 teams, in all practicality for our population there should only be 10 teams in the competition. Ideally three should come from Victoria, four from New South Wales and one each from Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia.

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The league must set criteria and measure the 10 best candidates fairly, openly and justifiably.

They haven't done that, or been seen to have done that.

2. INTRODUCE 2 MINIMUM STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONALISM

The league needs to train club administrators and ensure there are clear guidelines for the operation of the teams.

Each club is the face of the league to its supporters and needs to project a consistent high standard.

Things like squad numbers, quality match programs, clear ground announcements, advertised starting times, media liaison officers, ground officials, scoreboards etc need to be stipulated and enforced rigorously.

3. INTRODUCE A BETTER POINTS SYSTEM

Three points (or four points) for a win is supposed to encourage attacking soccer, but psychologically for coaches it often does the reverse.

Teams leading 1-0 (the most common scenario) stand to "lose" two points if

they concede a goal and are thus becoming naturally more defensive.

For the team trailing 0-1, scoring a goal under the system still only gives them one point, just like it would have under the previous two points system.

A better way would be one point for draws, two points for winning by one goal and three points only for winning by two goals or more.

Thus, teams leading by the odd goal, have a continued incentive of a further point to strive for, in seeking a second goal.

Last year's four points for a win is the biggest dud idea of all.

4. DEVELOP PERSONALITIES

The league hasn't really had a serious go at developing some of the natural personalities in the game.

The media try hard, but the league has to realise that it must do its part in the process.

Ned Zelic and Mark Bosnich are well known, but what about the local stars.

This kind of development is needed for the players who display their skills in the NSL currently to help lift the game profile.

The focus has to be on selling the players as stars and the game as merely the stage.

5. FIX THE FINALS SYSTEM

The current final six with



Ned Zelic: He is well known but what about the local stars.

its midweek matches and uncertain venues is an absolute farce.

It is incomprehensible for the fans, unfair on the clubs and unpopular with the media.

With just 10 clubs, there should be the simple and acceptable final five system. Teams finishing highest on the ladder should

get hosting rights.

shrub our shoulders.

Perceptions are more important than reality.

6. ADVERTISE AND MERCHANDISE

I mean really advertise with proper ads and celebrities, not the pathetic jingles and cliched slogans we see occasionally in all the wrong spots.

A campaign needs to be developed such as the NSW Rugby League's "Simply the Best" spot.

In conjunction, a NSL merchandising system needs to be introduced to keep teams profiles visible.

I should be able to walk into K-Mart and buy a Marconi club kit.

While I'm at it, the league should also get the clubs to update their strips to some decent modern designs.

7. REMOVE THE SOCCER STIGMA

Whilst no-one likes to say it, there is still a stigma attached to soccer in this country because of either its ethnicity or link to hooliganism.

These can be overcome through professionalism and co-ordinated public relations activities.

Some television stations only show a soccer clip when a fight breaks out in the crowd in Bolivia, yet we just

handful, most NSL clubs are badly run by a group of part-time well-intentioned, but impractical administrators.

Clubs needs to be licensed franchises of the NSL.

That way they could receive guidance and support and operate as a proper business entity with members owning shares in their club.

With a proper business outlook, full-time professional staff and an incentive to succeed, clubs will be much more in tune with satisfying their spectators and ultimately expanding with the game.

9. MAKE THE LEAGUE ACCOUNTABLE

Just as the clubs are accountable to the league and their owners, the NSL itself should operate under a system of accountability.

Club owners should appoint an NSL chief commissioner for a three year term and he should be responsible for the performance of the league.

10. BECOME PROACTIVE

At present the league remains as a reactive body. Very rarely does it unleash a sensible proactive decision that is created with general support.

As a minor sport in this country and as a minor participant on the world scale, Australian soccer needs to be innovative and proactive in its policies and decisions if it is to record any growth and gather any respectability.

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WITH JOHN ECONOMOS

FRANK FARINA, the glamour signing made by the Brisbane Strikers during the off-season, finally moved to Brisbane last week.

Together with his lovely wife Julie and family, the ever-smiling Frankie has bought a house in the Brisbane suburb of Broomfield.

Would you believe that a familiar face is building a house just down the back of the Farinas?

It is none other than Brisbane's block-busting defender, Alan Hunter.

Julie by the way is expecting their second child very soon.

DAVID HILL, ASF's (oops-Soccer Australia) flamboyant chief, is in for a very busy period this week.

Hill is fast doing his well calculated homework in preparation for the meeting of all ASF stakeholders who will vote on 13 September to have the Constitution amended, permitting S.A. to promote a 12 team League instead of a minimum 14 as is now.

Do not write-off expelled Parramatta Eagles or even Melbourne S.C. just yet from taking part in the new competition.

Why?

Newly admitted club, Canberra Cosmos, is rumoured to have a firm dead-line of Friday to prove once and for all to the Commissioners of Soccer Australia that they are well in order to enter the A-League.

The team from the national capital is said to be causing much concern



Frank and Julie Farina.



David Hill: Soccer Australia's flamboyant chief.

to SA at the moment, as to whether in fact Canberra is going to be able to meet all of the criteria as set out in the almost forgotten Bradley Report.

If Canberra falters in any way, Melbourne S.C. would be given an automatic reprieve.

Don't forget, Melbourne S.C. finished last season one League point ahead of Parramatta Eagles and six points ahead of Heidelberg United.

If that happens, other parties are certain to kick up a stink.

The argument then would be that this would affect the balance of teams between the two big cities of Melbourne and Sydney.

That would give Melbourne one more team than Sydney which at the moment each have three.

Could be a long hill to climb.

Speaking of David Hill, don't be surprised which pay-TV station he will give the rights to, to transmit added NSL matches.

'Good Oil' is already aware that this station will have Friday as well as Saturday night shows.

The Friday programme will cover either Wollongong Wolves or Newcastle Breakers' home games. Saturday's programme will cover Marconi or Brisbane Strikers' home matches.

As well, we could be getting a Thursday night programme from the same pay-TV station.

No it's not going to be Glazay's Premier Sports.

Yes..Optus-Vision looks the best bet here.

CHARLIE CAPOGRECO, Adelaide City's popular and suave Director of Soccer, is quietly excited about some of the younger playing staff that new boss Johnny Perin has drafted into his NSL squad.

The always classy Charlie tells us that both Kosta Salapasidis and Jamie Perin could soon develop into regular members in the first XI for the 'Black and Whites'.

"But they have to both get past Perin's eye", warned Mr Capogreco.

With two of Australia's arguably best-ever fullbacks now departed from City (Sergio Melta retired and Tony Vidmar sold to Dutch outfit Breda), Perin has drafted into the team Sasa Nedeljkovic and Bradley Armour with the more experienced Mark Yates hovering like an eagle above.

GLENN GWYNNE, Parramatta Eagle's defender, has returned to his home town, Brisbane and is a certain bet to sign for the Strikers.

Also returning to Brisbane is attacking midfielder or striker, Andy Brayshaw.

JEAN PAUL DE MARIGNY, Marconi's new captain and unyielding sweeper, failed to take the field last Sunday afternoon in a friendly hit-out against visiting Adelaide City.

"J.P." sustained a knock at Marconi's training the previous day which left his team without a sweeper.

Not so.

Coach Manfred



John Paul De Marigny: Out injured.

Schaefer immediately swung his newly signed quality defender, Robbie Stanton to the libero's role.

Stanton has already had extensive experience in that position while at Sydney United.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC last Sunday defeated visiting South Melbourne 2-1 at Belmore Oval.

Olympic's goals came through an 'own-goal' plus a volley before fulltime from young explosive striker, Norman Tome.

Souths who travelled north without their super-star Paul Trimboli, hit back with a solitary goal from defender Michael Valkanis.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC has been saved more than once by that magical name, Ned Zelic.

Joy breaks out in the hearts of all Olympic supporters whenever the name 'Zelic' is seen or heard.

Well in the very near future another 'Zelic' could be lobbing in the Olympic dressing rooms to bring possible further joy to their supporters.

Sheffield United in the English first division needs all the help it can get at the moment.

With two Australians on their books this



season (defender Kevin Muscat and pacey striker Carl Veart) 'the Blades' are languishing clear last on the ladder with zero points from their five outings.

This is in vast contrast to Leicester City who also have two Aussies on their staff, - Mickey Hickman as coach and the racey striker, Steve Corica.

Leicester City are second from the top with 10 points and trail leaders Millwall by three.

MARCONI tonight (Tuesday), plays a friendly against St George at Marconi Stadium.

Kick-off is set down for 7pm and fans will be admitted free of charge.

Marconi urgently needs this hit-out before they clash with arch-rivals Sydney Olympic on Saturday night in Round 6 of the \$50,000 Waratah Cup.

Injured players such as captain, Jean Paul De Marigny, central defender Gary Van Egmond and mobile striker Matthew Bingley all missed last Sunday's annual pre-season Challenge against Adelaide City.

The trio expected to play tonight.



Ned Zelic: Could there be another?



Carl Veart: Sheffield United's striker.



Charlie Capogreco: Adelaide City's suave Director of Soccer.

Pull together for good of the game

Dear Sir,
The time has come for all soccer-loving Australians to rally behind our new administration. We now have the best chance ever to give World football the position in Australian sports it really deserves.

Let's thank the Australians of overseas origin for what they have achieved for the game in Australia because of the passion they have for it.

However, they must also realise that the game is now too big and too mature in Australia for them to restrict it to ethnic enclaves, whether intentionally or unintentionally. I admire the efforts of some clubs of ethnic origin to broaden their community appeal and to make mainstream Australians like myself feel comfortable among them and feel that I am barracking

ST GEORGE GLORY RETURNING

Dear Sir,
I was very impressed with the way the St George Saints performed on the field this season on their return to the NSW Super League in 1995.

As one of many people disappointed and amazed by the way St George was dropped from the NSL and then the NSW Super League in recent times, I thought it was a good time to remind people of St George's proud history and contribution to soccer in Australia over the years.

Since its formation in 1957, the St George Saints Soccer Club (formerly known as St George Budapest Soccer Club) have been the envy of a lot of clubs and have truly distinguished themselves on the Australian scene.

A glance at the Saints Honour Roll reveals the following:

1958 NSW Second Division Premiers.

1964 Federation Cup Winners.

AMPOL CUP WINNERS 1960, 67, 72, 75, 82, 1984

NSW PREMIERS, 1962, 72, 76

GRAND FINAL WINNERS 1967, 71, 74, 75, 81, 87

NSL GRAND FINAL WINNERS 1982

NSL PREMIERS 1983

NSL GRAND FINAL WINNERS 1987

In time I hope and would like to see St George return to its rightful place in the NSL competition, as it once again has a good team with tons of potential, a good stadium, a strong junior base which continues to produce talented young players and a very dedicated Club and Committee supporting the teams.

I firmly believe that the Saints have turned the corner and are back again on the road to their previous "GLORY DAYS" and hope that when they are ready to take the next step up, that the powers that be don't obstruct this proud club.

Marcel Poeder,
Hurstville, NSW.

for my "hometown" team rather than the team of a faraway country. But much more needs to be done.

There is no doubt that recent decisions are sorely painful to the axed clubs but they must also realise that the NSL could never work in its existing format. I believe there should be some form of compensation to the clubs involved and they should be allowed to express their love for the game as an ethnic community — but not in the context of the pre-eminent national competition.

Having said this, surely they can see the damage they are doing to the game through litigation.

If this suits their purpose then we must collectively resolve to wipe them from the game altogether.

Because, in maximising the disruption they can cause through litigation, they are demonstrating their self-interest to the abhorrence of the average soccer fan.

Even if the axed clubs win a reprieve, it will only be temporary. It must be.

I just hope these leaders and pioneers depart the NSL (and not the game) with the applause and dignity they deserve rather than the contempt and wrath they will attract by not accepting the inevitable tide of change.

R. Shepherd,
Taringa, Qld

Letters to the Editor

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Court challenges condemned

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Brisbane Strikers and all professional NSL clubs, I am writing to express my absolute contempt for the delaying action conducted in the courts by the two Melbourne clubs expelled from the league, Melbourne SC and Heidelberg.

The reasons for the expulsion of the above clubs, in addition to the Parramatta Eagles, have already been vigorously debated within the soccer community, and I do not wish to re-open this debate. However, given that they have not been re-admitted to the 1995-96 NSL competition, they should not have the right to disrupt the season for all the other clubs in the league.

Brisbane Strikers, for example, have already launched a major promotional campaign for the forthcoming season, highlighting the club's new signing, Frank Farina, and the excellent facilities of Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane's new home ground. However, Brisbane have been promoting a kick-off date as September 16 as the first home match.

With the resolution of the court case not due until mid-November, obviously the whole season will have to be re-scheduled. Brisbane Strikers will thus have to change their whole promotional campaign, pricing for season tickets etc, thereby incurring unnecessary expenses.

This is yet another example of why Australian football is languishing years behind other sports in professionalism. All clubs conducting court challenges against Soccer Australia should be prohibited from participating in any FIFA-associated competitions such as the NSL, as is pronounced under FIFA rules.

Finally, ABSW recently reported Frank Arok and others condemning the movement of Australian players abroad from the Australian Institute of Sport as a 'waste of taxpayers' money'. This statement is not correct, since, as previously mentioned in ABSW, Soccer Australia receives 10% of all transfer fees.

While it would be preferable for such players to remain in Australia, without a professional league it is immoral for administrators here to prevent talented players maximising their earnings potential. Additionally, such overseas experience is invaluable to the national team, particularly given Australia's likely participation in the 1998 World Cup.

Anthony Fenson, St Lucia, Qld.

Get behind your clubs, plea in NSW

Dear Sir,

I read with interest some articles in the daily press referring to the NSW Soccer Federation wanting to please the Hill dominated Soccer Australia in altering the regulations to allow a smaller NSL competition.

It's funny, every other code is increasing the number of teams in their main competition and here we are wanting to reduce ours.

It is certainly about time that the NSW Federation came out and supported the clubs from our State whether in the National League or in the local Super League. I really feel sorry for Sam Vella who is imploring the local Federation to support the local clubs.

Any reduction in the number of teams in the top league would certainly

reduce the chances of the young promising players of

getting the opportunity to show themselves and gain recognition.

The people in command at NSW should take a good look at themselves and ask whether they are doing the right thing for our State of NSW and whether they are doing service to the game and to the clubs they are supposed to represent.

I don't know how it really works but I feel sure that the local clubs could put pressure on the NSW Federation to support the Parramatta club's fight to stay in the NSL. After all they, being one of our most progressive clubs, were treated very unjustly when they were dumped.

The Australian Federation abused all sense of fair play, criteria and above all their

own constitution.

Do not try and emulate the big boys if what they're doing is wrong. Soccer has once again shot itself in the foot and is going backwards fast. As somebody said in the press a while ago, soccer is not a simple as ABC.

Finally, I can imagine what the people at Parramatta are going through and in particular their President Sam Vella. I wish them the best of luck and ask them for the sake of their many youngsters and supporters to keep plugging on and please, NSW our state get off your high perch and act before it is too late.

Incidentally, congratulations to ABSW on your article of the 15th August titled Soccer Australia.

Glenn Alderton,
Prospect, NSW.

More support for soccer clubs than any other

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my concern at the deterioration of Australian Soccer since the arrival of David Hill. Never before, including the Stewart Inquiry, has the community been so divided.

Mr Hill was seen as the administrative Messiah that would lead soccer into the 21st century, instead he has taken the game into another crisis. He started off with talk of indoor pre-season competitions, new administrative appointments, soccer summits, 12 internationals a year, and pay TV. So far all we have had is just talk and that one bad decision to axe the three NSL teams which is in total disagreement with the Articles of Association. You would believe that any former CEO of a large corporation, such as the ABC, would understand the importance of these.

There has been much written about the axing of the NSL clubs, as according to Mr Hill, they did not meet the criteria. Despite all the press not once has the criteria ever been printed, which is a travesty when you consider the thousands of supporters that are very angry.

I am starting to wonder if there actually is a criteria, particularly when you consider it was this criteria that rewarded one infamous Sydney club and failed to recognise the qualities of the Parramatta Eagles.

Supporters, players, and club officials have the right to know. As an indication of the soccer community's passion the rallies for the Melbourne teams and Parramatta were attended by greater numbers than the AFL's St Kilda, anti-Super League rallies in Sydney and Newcastle, and the ARL's St George.

These unfortunate events are taking place with the current climate of unprecedented overseas player drain. This is the number one problem Soccer Australia should be addressing instead of participating in another lengthy court case.

Jason Marks, Miranda, NSW.

Call for proposals from Hill's critics

Dear Sir,

The propaganda spread by the so-called "journalists" in a column which appeared in the ABSW on August 15, 1995, titled "Soccer Australia by the Greek Herald (which owns ABSW)" is both irresponsible and unprofessional.

The "journalist" has chosen anonymity and accordingly, the same article which appeared in the Greek Herald, in Greek of course, was also anonymous.

The article does nothing but criticise the steps taken by David Hill and his colleagues, and suggests that they are incompetent, and should resign.

You describe Mr Hill as "ignorant" and liken him to Hitler. Is it not possible, that it is you who is ignorant?

Not only are these imputations highly defamatory (is this why you remain anonymous), they also hurt the game itself.

You are entitled to an opinion, as is everyone else, but my concern is that the written piece aims only to criticise the actions taken by Mr Hill and offers no constructive thoughts and ideas.

If you do not agree with the actions then suggest alternatives. Or are you content with the state of our National League as it currently stands? Like it or not, some changes need to be made otherwise our competition will remain where it is — in the doldrums. You may be satisfied with that, however, I and many others are not, which is why we unanimously agreed with the election of Mr Hill as

chairperson. Now that the tough decisions are being made and unviable clubs are being relegated, we hear the hysterical cries of "Get rid of Hill before he gets rid of us", by the three clubs in question and those clubs who believe they may be next.

What do you feel is of priority — success of the code in this country, or survival of the current clubs at whatever cost?

If you believe the latter, than you should leave the game alone. How realistic is a successful league in this country, when the likes of the Melbourne Zebras, struggle for a crowd of 1000, even after implementing their marketing strategies?

If you care to propagate your thoughts several years into the future you will realise that the other two clubs, as well as some of the 12 invited clubs, cannot seriously be included in the National League's plans for a prospering league.

Clearly, if amendments are not made, our game will slide further away from the grasp of salvation.

So, if you feel so strongly against the tough decisions being made, why not make your own proposals public (especially considering that you have the ABSW and other papers of the Foreign Language Publications at your disposal) rather than criticise a man who is acting positively towards the interests of the game?

Mr Hill, at least, has a respected administrative record and can truly be called a professional. As for you "Anonymous" what do you have to say for yourself?

Peter Parkes, Roselands, NSW.

GEORGE IS ON THE BALL!

Dear Sir,

At the risk of upsetting my old mate Brocky who inhabits page 28, again, I would like to repeat what I said recently. In the long run, the success of Australian football is all about professionalism.

Compared to this, everything else pales into insignificance. Yes, even the flak that's presently flying off the fan involving 'the three rejects' because, whatever the result — soccer here will survive. But, it would seem that survival is about all that we can ever expect from the world game in this country. Because, without professionalism it will never ever thrive.

In George Negus, we have a man who realises this too. By issuing a challenge to Packer and Murdoch to help 'soccer', we have a player who is on the ball. It is nothing short of scandalous that so much money is being pumped by these two into such utterly worthless causes as both

the rugby codes. Australian Rugby League would still sit on top of the world if it received Murdoch's laundry bill, whereas the other game deludes only itself and Packer, that it's played seriously in 120 countries.

It's taken seriously only by the British and Australian private-school network, some Frenchies, white Afrikanners and of course that hugely-populated world power, New Zealand.

However, we all know that in order to turn Australia into an even 'medium' soccer power, requires big-bikkie's that the existing sponsors just ain't got.

Al last, we have somebody at the top who is trying to do something about it, by attracting the big corporations.

Yet George Negus and David Hill are the men who the owners of this paper would like to see ousted and presumably, replaced by a puppet who will dance to the tune of the Greek Herald and the

other ethnic moguls. A tune that would keep this game forever as a minority sport.

The need for some decent 'marketing' was glaringly highlighted right next to the write-up on George Negus in the Telegraph Mirror. It was an advertisement for — 'British Soccer Week'.

I would like to suggest that if the owner of the Greek Herald really does have the interest of Australian soccer at heart as he claims to, maybe he can drop his hand into his pocket and start advertising his paper, The Australian & British Soccer Weekly.

Yet another reason why so many people out there are so ignorant about the game, they've probably never even heard of this country's one and only regular soccer mouthpiece.

Henry Wizier,
Forestville NSW.

Marconi hold Adelaide to a draw

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCONI's rebuilt side held last season's artistic ball-playing Grand Finalists Adelaide City to a 1-1 draw last Sunday at the Marconi Stadium in the annual pre-season Challenge match between these two sides.

No less than eight substitutes were made (three by Marconi) as both coaches experimented with as many of their playing staff as possible.

Perin courageously even threw into the lions' den his raw 17 year old striker Kosta Salapasis for the last 23 minutes to see what he could deliver against Marconi.

Marconi could not use their skipper and sweeper, Jean Paul De Marigny, pacy central defender Gary Van Egmond and mobile targetman, Matthew Bingley as all were out with injuries.

Only central midfielder Carlo Taldara was out for Adelaide City, recovering from a double-operation to his groin during the off-season.

Marconi's brand new combination midfield quartet of Luke Casserly, Brad Maloney, Paul Betrame and Eric Hristodoulou understandably looked a little disjointed against the far more experienced and fluent 'visiting-gearbox' of Goran Lozanovski, Joey Mullen, John Gibson and Craig Foster.

After the match both new coaches confessed they still had much work ahead of them before the anticipated kick off of the NSL at the end of this month.

Former Australian international midfielder Johnny Perin, who has taken over the reins from the retired Zoran Matic as boss of the 'Black and Whites', stated to ABSW: "Yeah it was a good hit-out and I could have a good look at where we were a little inferior both tactically and physically.

"The boys today were a little flat from heavy training work which is what was expected.

"Now I'm looking forward to sharpening training sessions to tune up. I was reasonably happy but there is plenty of room for improvement.

"The young guys like Kosta, Jamie and Joel (Salapasis, Perin and Marino), all did well.

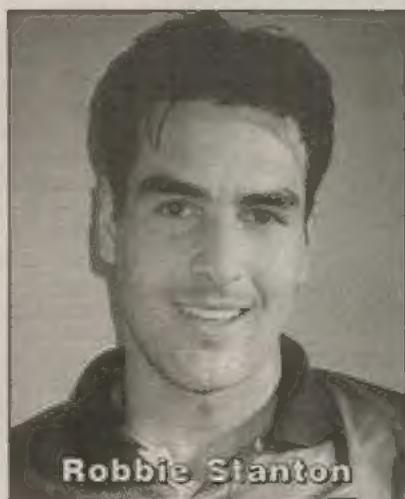
"The result did not matter one bit here as I only wanted to see them all in action under top pressure and see what they could do", ended Perin.

Meanwhile Manfred Schaefer who has taken over at Marconi from Andrea Icardi, has similar evaluations.

"I had a good look at most of my squad and the two



Eric Hristodoulou



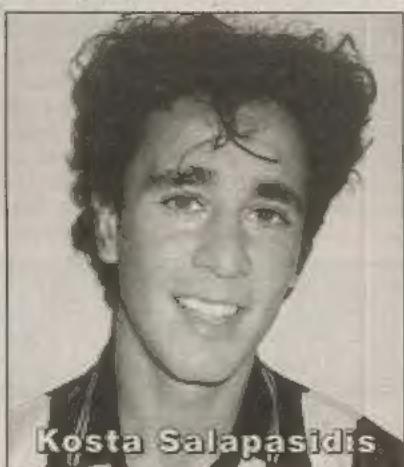
Robbie Stanton



Johnny Perin



Sasha Nedeljkovic



Kosta Salapasis



Joey Mullen



Goran Lozanovski

WARATAH CUP ROUND 6



SATURDAY — 9th September, 1995

Marconi

v Sydney Olympic

Marconi Oval

7pm

SUNDAY — 10th September, 1995

Adamstown Rosebud

v Wollongong Wolves

Gabba Stadium

1pm

Leichhardt Tigers

v Bankstown City Lions

Gabba Stadium

3pm

Parramatta Eagles

v Sutherland Sharks

Malita Stadium

3pm

Sydney United

v Blacktown City Demons

Croatian Centre

3pm

St George Saints

v Canterbury Berries

St George Stad.

3pm

Macarthur Rams

v Newcastle Breakers

Lynwood Park

3pm

WEDNESDAY — 13th September, 1995

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Aussies take up USA soccer scholarships

BY BOB BROOKS

A 19-year-old broke into the first team ranks at Warringah Dolphins this season. He is an attacking midfielder called Steven RICHES who played in 22 of the competition games for the northern beaches team.

The Dolphins won the NSW Soccer Super League home and away series pocketing the \$20,000 prize money with RICHES in the side.

RICHES was missing when the Final Five series started. He had moved to the USA to take up a soccer scholarship.

at Campbell University, North Carolina. Andrew, Steven's brother, is in his fourth and final year of a degree course in Sports Management at the same university.

Steven had a good score in his HSC, taken last year, has passed the USA University entrance examination both of which qualify him for the same course as his brother.

Additionally the younger man has represented NSW and Australian Schoolboys these plus his first team appearances with the Dolphins have earned him his scholarship. He will only

have to find 15% of the total expenses for his course of books, lectures, accommodation and coaching.

On the other hand it is only in the last year that Andrew has reached that level of funding by Campbell.

In January 1992 Len, the father, and Andrew sat down to discuss how they were going to progress in their respective lives. They wrote down their strengths and weaknesses. From this session the son decided that he wanted to enter Sports Management for which he needed a degree.

No Australian higher institution offered such a course but they were available in the USA at a number of campuses. Enquiries to the American Consulate in Sydney produced a list.

Campbell offered Andrew a place but he had to find 90% of the \$12,000 costs. Much sacrifice by his parents and part-time work by the undergraduate financed the first 12 months.



Steve RICHES: On USA scholarship.

TOUGH SCHEDULE

Prior to the inter-collegiate soccer season the students on soccer studies train for three hours a day, six days a week. The current coach is an Englishman with full FA qualifications.

The 26 game season kicks-off the third week in August and is completed by mid November. It is a hectic schedule with games three or

four times a week within the Carolinas, Washington DC to the north and Alabama to the South.

During the summer breaks, the elder son has been playing professional soccer for Nashville Metros. This has wetted his appetite for a full-time position within the code consequently he has applied for his Green Card which gives him residency of the USA. Another player gone overseas.

Soccer Scholarships are available at a number of USA universities unlike Australia which, it is believed, offer none. AIS scholarships are offered but for boys of 16.

As part of the responsibility of foreign students at Campbell - there are students from Finland and England in addition to the Aussies - visits are made to local schools to give lectures about their country of origin for American children.

There is a 'soccer roster' of 22 at Campbell at anytime, just enough for two

teams.

As the boys' father said, 'We most certainly recommend these types of scholarships. The standard of soccer is high with all players being 24 years or younger. Steven told us that he's never trained so hard, in his first phone call from Campbell.'

Len RICHES is happy to field questions from anyone who would like more information. Contact him at home on 02 9981 3339.

There can be no complaints about players going overseas to take up these types of scholarships as

there are no costs to the Australian taxpayer. This contrasts to the AIS which is funded by the Australian Sports Commission and in turn by everyone in the country. Players are going directly overseas from the AIS, giving no return on investment to Australia.

There is an opportunity for an innovative university within Australia to examine sports scholarships on the pattern established in America. After all there are swimmers and athletes in the USA who are from Australia as well as players of the World Game.

WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES

QUARTER FINALS

Sth Korea	0	Czech Rep.	0
(Sth Korea wins 7-6 on penalties)			
Russia	3	Iran	1
Japan	4	Australia	0
Ukraine	2	South Africa	2
(Ukraine wins 3-2 on penalties)			

SEMI FINALS

Japan	1	Russia	1
Sth Korea	3	Ukraine	1

Japan overwhelmed Australia 4-0 last week to clinch a place in the semi-finals of the World University Games soccer tournament alongside South Korea, Russia and Ukraine.

Forwards Yasaku Ueno, with two goals, Daizo Okitsu and captain Toshihiko Saito scored to delight a noisy crowd of almost 9,000 at Hakatanomori Stadium.

The host nation now face Russia in the semi-finals, with South Korea to play Ukraine.

Goalkeeper Vince Matassa did well to block a 13th minute shot from star striker Okitsu. Japan took the lead from the resultant corner and established a grip it never relinquished. Defender Saito crashed the ball home from close range with the Australian defence in disarray.

Ueno made it 2-0 three minutes before half-time, stabbing the ball home from six metres out.

Okitsu sealed the win with a cleverly angled shot in the 58th minute while Ueno scored his second goal with a header in the 77th minute.

The Japanese team simply was too quick and too slick for its outgunned opponent and has scored nine goals in its last two games of the 16-nation tournament.

Australia went into its match without ace striker Michael Cucija, who was suspended after collecting two yellow cards in the first round - in which he scored a tournament-high five goals - he was sorely missed.

"We were outclassed by a very good team," said Australian team manager Steve Hoszowski. "The Japanese players were stronger and more experienced, while our players were a little overawed and made several defensive mistakes."



Vince Matassa: Beaten four times.

CRANNEY STAYS WITH STRIKERS



Troy Cranney: Strikers star.

After much speculation, Brisbane Strikers' sensation Troy Cranney has finally come to terms with Club management and signed a two year deal.

Touted as Queensland's next Socceroo, Cranney contemplated a move to Belgium at the end of last season, under the guidance of veteran Socceroo Graham Arnold, but was hampered by a serious knee injury.

"The torn medial ligament left me sidelined for a good three months," Cranney said.

"By the time I finally got over the injury, it was really too late to think seriously about a move because the Belgian pre-season was already well underway."

"I'm happy to be having another season with the Strikers, especially with the move to Suncorp Stadium and the other positive things that have been going on with the Club."

Coach Bruce Stowell was delighted to have Cranney back on board, as his signing completed the retention of all the players he wished to keep.

"Obviously I'm thrilled Troy is back with us," Stowell said.

"I believe he is one of the quality youth players that we have here, and that we must encourage to stay."

"We'd have hated to lose him, but if we did we'd prefer losing him overseas rather than anywhere else in Australia."

COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL TURNER CUP

IAN HOMES TO ATTEND FINAL

"Soccer Australia" Executive Officer Ian Holmes will be at Macquarie Soccer Field, Speers Point tomorrow evening Wednesday September 6 as special guest of the Bill Turner Cup Committee.

Mr Holmes is the highest positioned official in Australian football to attend a final of the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup. The games kick off at 6pm with 3rd and 4th place play off followed by the Final at 7.30pm.

For many years he has shown keen interest in the development of the competition and been willing to offer sound advice during difficult times.

Last year, many soccer guests attending the Northern NSW Federation's Presentation night looked surprised when, upon entering the auditorium, Mr Holmes made a beeline to talk to Bill Turner, the man after whom the competition is named. No doubt Bill brought him up-to-date.

ABSW was told that the Cup Executive members are over-the-moon that Mr Holmes has been able to find time from his very busy schedule to attend the 1995 decider.

The last time an ASF man came to the final was three or four years ago when Steve Darby made the trip north.

LEE TO VISIT

Word also filtered through that NSW Director of Coaching David Lee will also visit Newcastle/Lake Macquarie this week expressly to attend the Bill Turner Cup final.

It will be almost 20 years since David and Bill Turner have seen each other. At that time, Mr Lee was making a name for himself in the world of coaching when some of his brilliant techniques and advanced administrative ideas were regarded by some as radical.

Bill Turner was then the chairman of the NSW Combined High Schools Soccer Committee and was arguably the driving force behind the development of the Tasman Cup (now the Commonwealth Bank Open age Soccer Cup).

It should also be interesting for Lee to 'shop' with the Northern NSW Director of coaching Ken Kaiser who as usual, will be in the attendance.

KOSMINA KEEN

The newly appointed coach of Newcastle Breakers, John Kosmina, has also informed the organisers that he will be attending. John and his wife are relocating in the Newcastle area and he has impressed the local people with his desire to be in touch with all Northern NSW activities.

While John and Bill Turner have never met, Kossie is aware of the Cup's origins and the enormous progress it has made over the years. He is impressed with the number of players who have played in the Bill Turner Cup and gone on to play for Australia or for famous overseas clubs.

Who knows, John may discover some special talent on display during the finals.

Others attending will be Mr Dave Williams who has indicated that he will stand down this year as President of the Northern NSW Soccer Federation; Mr Bernie Geraghy, Senior Manager Commonwealth Bank who will present the Cup on behalf of the major sponsor; Mr Ken Clifford, Executive Officer, Hunter Academy of Sport and Mr John Kilpatrick, Mayor of the City of the Lake Macquarie.

On Tuesday morning at 10.30am Mr Kilpatrick will present a Mayoral Reception for all four semi-finalists, Yeppoon from the Queensland central coast, Lambton, a suburb of Newcastle, Westfields located in Fairfield western Sydney and Bellambi's Holy Spirit near Wollongong.

COMMONWEALTH BANK CUP FINAL

Hat-trick to Barrett

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

WESTFIELDS HIGH, from Sydney's western suburbs, took out the Commonwealth Bank Cup Final in spectacular style last Friday night at the St George Stadium by thrashing Sydney Tech High 8-0. This was their third consecutive win in this prestigious competition.

Coached by NSW and Sydney Olympic captain, Davie Barrett, Westfields Sports High created CHS history with this wonderful achievement.

Spearheaded by a superb hat-trick from Greg Baldock (14th, 35th and 60th minutes), the super-fit and extremely well co-ordinated Westfields nailed in four goals on either side of half-time to prove far too

strong for a depleted Sydney Tech High.

Tech High unfortunately had three of their star players unavailable as they had to represent St George the following evening in the NSW Super League Under 18s Grand Final against MacArthur Rams.

But Westfields on the night were in no philanthropic mood showing no mercy to their weakened opponent as they proceeded to plunder the target with an avalanche of goals.

Baldock opened the score in the 14th minute with a 25 metre bomb that ricocheted in off the bar and 13 minutes later Ming Dang doubled the scoreline with his drive rocketting in off the right post.

Jacob Burns made it 3-0 for Westfields when he also

scored in off the post in the 32nd minute and Baldock just three minutes later scored his second and Westfields' fourth.

Westfields came out for the second session still hungry for goals. It took Michael Vrankovic just three minutes to rattle in the fifth.

Seconds after substitute Greg Smyth came on, almost with his first touch, rolled the scoreboard over for the sixth time.

Baldock brought up his hat-trick on the hour mark with yet another bomb from well outside the box to make it 7-0 to Westfields.

Westfields' action captain and sweeper Petar Krijar who took out the "Player of the Series" award had a splendid match capping it all by scoring his side's eighth and final goal in the 68th

minute.

A very proud Dave Barrett, although suffering from a severe virus attack, proudly stated to ABSW after the match: "I've been with most of these guys for the past five years and as well as winning this Cup three times we also won the Bill Turner Cup once".

Barrett went on to end somewhat emotionally: "I have taught a lot of these players and now it is very sad that they will most probably never play again together after they leave our school next year".

WESTFIELDS SPORTS HIGH: Pogliacomi, Buttigieg, Duricic, Krijar, Crnkrak, Baldock, Burns, Culina, Savic, Dang, (Smyth 58th) Vrankovic. (Roenstein 48th).

SYDNEY TECH HIGH:

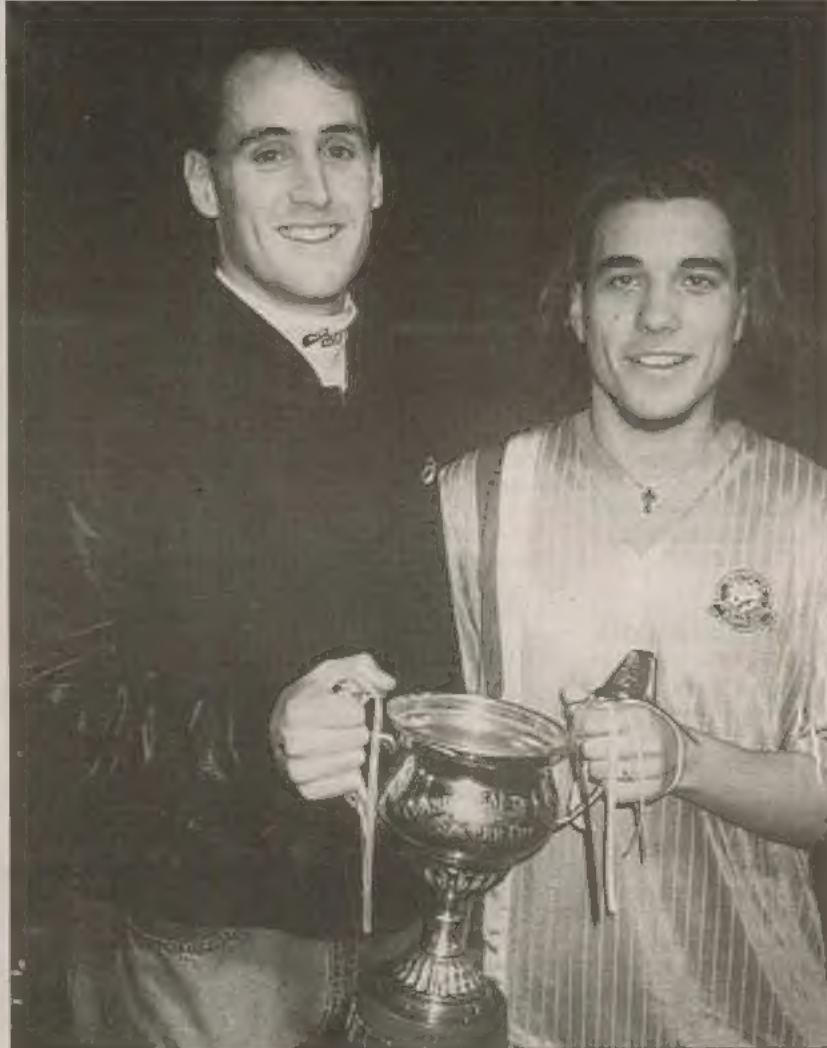
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EARLIER MATCHES

In the "Snickers Soccer

NSW Under 15 Girls Final
"Westfields Sports High crushed Gymea High 7-0 with young international striker Carly Copeland scoring four and fellow striker Kelly Golebiowski knocking in a hat-trick.

In the Girls' Commonwealth Bank Cup Final Under 19s, striker Erica Harrison's double was enough to enable Pennant Hills to defeat Westfields Sports High 2-0.



Westfields Sports High's victorious coach Davie Barrett proudly holding the Commonwealth Bank Cup for the third consecutive year. He is pictured with captain and sweeper, Petar Krijar. Petar was judged "Player of the Series".



The victorious Westfields Sports High, 1995 Commonwealth Bank Cup Champions.

BERGERS SURVIVE WINDING UP ORDER

Troubled club Heidelberg United produced a cheque for \$110,000 in Melbourne's Supreme Court on August 31, staving off the taxation department's application to wind them up.

Club officials handed over the cheque to tax officers in the courtroom.

Honorary club President Peter Tsaklis, said outside the court that the club had agreed to pay the tax department another \$10,000 by the end of the month.

The rest of the outstanding debt will be paid on monthly instalments over the next year.

Tsaklis said a business group had been formed to help the club clear its debts and put it on the right financial footing.

He said Heidelberg had in the past spent heavily while attempting to put a successful National Soccer League team on the park.

"At the same time they were trying to upgrade

facilities and the debts were mounting," he said.

"But we are on top of it and are more financially stable than a lot of the other clubs in the national league."

The Bergers, Melbourne SC and Parramatta Eagles were dumped from the NSL but have taken Soccer Australia to court in a bid to be reinstated.

The Australian Soccer Federation has called a meeting of stakeholders on September 13 to change its constitution but Melbourne SC is seeking an injunction to prevent the meeting and will have its day in the Federal Court on September 7.

Tsaklis said it was time Soccer Australia came to its senses, sat down with the clubs and resolved the matter.

He said clubs from the NSL were a family and Soccer Australia was trying to cut the ties between them and it should not be allowed to happen.

SOCEROO LONGO ACCUSED OF THEFT

Australia's soccer fraternity rallied to support Dominic Longo after his dismissal from Belgian club Cercle Brugge for alleged stealing.

A Brussels report said Longo, 25, was found in the club offices last Saturday week after gaining access with a replica key.

A search of his home is alleged to have uncovered bank notes, which had possibly been marked by the club after several burglaries.

Longo, with 10 caps, was immediately sacked, but was not arrested.

He had been at the club since 1992 and his contract ran till the end of the current season.

Assistant national coach Les Scheinflug said the report was a big shock.

"It is most surprising. Dominic has been such a clean cut person and I can't speak highly enough of him. I'll wait until I hear his version before I make any further comment," he said.

Meanwhile, Reuters quoted Cercle Brugge director Filips Dhondt as saying: "Longo has been caught stealing money from the club's cashbox".

He declined to give further details.

"He has been sacked and is no longer wanted in our club," he added.

Longo, 25, joined Cercle Brugge in 1992 after spells with Australian clubs Newcastle Breakers and Blacktown City.

He had previously represented Australia at under-16 and under-20 level and was a member of the Olyroos which finished fourth at the Barcelona Olympics.

Longo was a member of Eddie Thomson's Socceroo squad for the 1994 World Cup campaign.

Melbourne Knights baulk at Markovski fee

BY PAUL MILLAR
OF AAP

National Soccer League side Melbourne Knights has made a final offer for Morwell Falcons hotshot John Markovski.

Knight's president Angie Cimera said the club spoke to the striker last week.

But even if the Knights come to terms with Markovski any deal could be stifled by the \$60,000 asking fee the Latrobe Valley team is seeking for him.

Cimera said with domestic transfer fees expected to be abolished there was no way his club would be forking out such a fee.

"We'd be offering \$20,000 tops, because there's a chance we would not be able to get our money back if he wanted to leave later," Cimera said.

The Knights are searching desperately for a target man after the departure of Mark

Viduka to Croatian side Dinamo Zagreb.

Another option the Knights are pursuing is teenage goalscorer star Daniel Allsopp.

Morwell Falcons, South Melbourne and the Knights are chasing the 17-year-old who recently won the Golden Shoe award after scoring the most goals in the World under 17 championships in Ecuador.

The Falcons have not given up hope of retaining Markovski, but coach Harry Bingham said if he wanted to leave the club would not stand in his way.

"If he's not happy we'll let him go, but we definitely want to keep him if we can," Bingham said.

Bingham has also been busy searching for players and is keen to snare Francis Awaritefe and Gary Hasler who have been offloaded by South Melbourne but they have been refused permission to train with the Gippsland side.

Bingham said negotiations with former Perth Italia star Tom Marass, who was on-loan to Kuala Lumpur, had fallen through and he had signed for a team in Hong Kong.

The Falcons are also keen on goalkeeper Robert Brian who will trial with the team in the lead up to the season start.

Brian is currently playing for Victorian side Albion and will turn out for the Falcons against the Knights in a pre-season game.

NSL Clubs have been unable to finalise transfers following a Federal Court ruling.

The ruling remains in place until there is a resolution in the courts about the structure of the National League.

Culled NSL clubs Paramatta - Eagles, Melbourne SC and Heidelberg are fighting to be readmitted to the national competition.

DOLPHINS DUNK DEMONS

Heavyweights produce another close contest



WARRINGAH
DOLPHINS 1
Ross Etherington 7mins

BLACKTOWN CITY
DEMONS 0

BY BOB BROOKS

The keen contests between Super League Champions Warringah Dolphins and runners-up Blacktown City Demons continued at a rain sodden Marconi Stadium on Saturday night.

The Dolphins, looking more comfortable in the wet conditions, overcame a determined Demons by one goal to nil, the score coming in only the seventh minute.

The frustration felt by Demons coach Ken Schembri was written all over his face as he watched John Kosmina savouring his team's moment of glory. Schembri has taken the Demons to three Grand Finals in his four seasons in charge but without success.

Kosmina leaves Warringah having brought the Championship and Premiership double and the \$50,000 combined prize money to the northern beaches club. Success may be more difficult to achieve in his first stint in the NSW with the re-formed Newcastle Breakers.

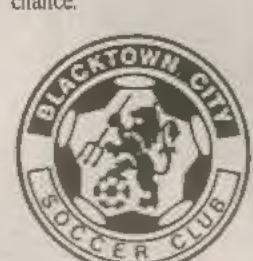
Schembri has 'moved upstairs' at the Blacktown City club becoming overall football and licensed Club Administration Manager. He has a role similar to the English football manager.

The rainy evening stopped any thoughts of the game being a classy football contest. Both teams can play attractively as was seen in the exciting 0-0 result at the Gabbie Stadium earlier in the season.

A loose clearance from a defensive position presented the opportunity for Warringah to open the scoring. The ball was

controlled on the right by attacker Bennett. He quickly assessed the situation before releasing a ground-hugging pass to the far post which eluded all the Blacktown players.

Ross Etherington was on hand to tap the ball into the gaping net after a momentary hesitation as he was as surprised as anyone to be presented with the unexpected chance.



Adam Whan was quickly in position at the opposite end but just failed to connect with a Martin Driene cross.

Dragan Pupovac was called on in the 17th to dive low proving that he had fully recovered from his shoulder injury.

Both defences dominated their opposing forwards consequently goal scoring chances were

few. Blacktown's mainly came from set pieces.

From a corner Adam Whan climbed majestically to get his head onto the ball, with Matthew Bloomfield for once being out of position. The header went over and the cheers died in the throats of the Demons supporters.

Excitement levels were raised at both ends in the dying minutes of the first half.

First Craig Sharpley twisted and turned in midfield for the Dolphins. He supplied Jason Bennett with a great position but Pupovac dived at his feet to snub out the moment.

Then it was Phil Moss forced to boot the ball off the line to save the champions as Steve Berry beat Bloomfield's on-rushing leap for the ball.

Right on the whistle Dave Segreto caused chaos in the Demons area with a long accurate throw which found Bennett. The ball rolled the wrong side of the upright.

Early in the second stanza a low powerful cross from Anthony Versi had Bloomfield groping but there was a lack of

Demons forward power to take advantage.

Bennett got in a shot from a difficult angle



before David Scott achieved something similar at the Dolphins target.

Matthew Lowe should have done better when a long pressure relieving ball from the Dolphins defence left him one on one with the Demons custodian. Lowe's header was poor.

Three minutes later, as Blacktown drove forward, Jason Connolly put in a rocket-like shot from 40 metres which took the paint off the cross bar.

Now it was the Dolphins turn as Pupovac pushed a goal-bound shot out from under the bar.

The whistle of referee Simon Micallef ended this

spine-tingling encounter after almost six minutes of stoppage time.

Warringah Dolphins were triumphant at their very first Grand Final hurdle. The game was evenly poised throughout the 90 minutes but there could be only one winner.

In the lower grades Macarthur Rams won their initial Super League trophy with a 2-1 victory over St George.

The Reserves contest went to Bonnyrigg White Eagles by the narrowest of margins. The only goal of the match going to Mark Hosenlaars despite a determined effort by Adamstown Rosebud.

WARRINGAH: Bloomfield, Segreto, Hickman, Koch, Moss, Etherington, Sharpley, Smith, Lowe, Cleary, Bennett.

Subs: Panetta for Bennett (80 mins).

BLACKTOWN: Pupovac, Langan, Connolly, Ashton, Brockbank, Scott, Bradley, Berry, Driene, Whan, Versi.

Subs: Milin for Whan (81 mins) Drakos for Driene (84 mins).

REFEREE: S. Micallef.



Jason Connolly: Best player for Blacktown.

GRAND FINAL

SUPER LEAGUE

FIRST GRADE

Warringah	1	Blacktown City	0
UNDER 21			
Bonnyrigg WE	1	Adamstown R'bd	0
UNDER 18			

St George	1	Macarthur Rams	2
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GRAND FINAL

DIVISION ONE

FIRST GRADE

Central Coast	4	Belmore Her	2
UNDER 21			
Central Coast	0	Ryde City	2
UNDER 18			

Central Coast	1	Mt Pritchard	3
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GRAND FINAL

DIVISION SIX

FIRST GRADE

Bossy	0	Blacktown Utd	0
(1-2 penalties)			
Kingsford	1	Nepean District	2

GRAND FINAL

DIVISION ONE

WOMEN'S STATE LEAGUE

FIRST GRADE

S'land Shire	0	Marconi	1
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DIVISION TWO

FIRST GRADE

Bathurst City	0	Fairfield Bulls	1
(0-3 penalties)			



Matthew Bloomfield: Super League top keeper.



Ross Etherington: Scored only goal of the game.

ABSW'S PREMIER LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

SALUTE SAVA RUSMIRE

Sharks flyer takes it

BY GREG BLAKE

Sensational Sava Rusmir is the fifth annual ABSW-PASCOE VALE SPORTS SCENE Premier League Player of the Year Award winner.

Voted in on the week-by-week votes of ABSW's expert Premier League reporting team, Rusmir took out the 1995 award in spectacular fashion.

The flashy Port Melbourne flyer did as his club did in the minor premiership, by running away at the head of the class and confirming his top ranking weeks before the end of the regular season.

Rusmir finished a full five votes clear of the pack to take the main prize ahead of joint runners up Chris Emsovski and Tom Podeljak.

In keeping with Port Melbourne's remarkable recent run of success in the Premier League this year Rusmir was joined by three team-mates on the final tally board.

FINAL STANDINGS IN 1995

25 — Sava Rusmir (Port Melbourne)
20 — Chris Emsovski (Altona M)
Tom Podeljak (St Albans)
18 — Ged Stenson (Sunshine)
Zoran Markovski (Green Gully)
17 — George Savigos (Port Melbourne)
16 — Nick Papadopoulos (Port Melbourne)
15 — Tony Neceski (Green Gully)
Nick Tsaltas (Port Melbourne)
14 — Jim McBride (Doncaster R)
George Dimovski (Nth Geelong)
Agim Sherifovski (Sunshine)

Commitments on the day pending. Rusmir will be presented with his trophy and \$500 cheque for winning the ABSW Pascoe Vale Sports Scene 1995 Player of the Year at a special ceremony at Olympic Park during the half time break on Grand Final day.

PAST WINNERS of Victoria's major media award from ABSW are:

1991 — Brian MacNichol (Brunswick Juventus)
1992 — Sash Bezinovski (Green Gully)
1993 — Steve Douglas (Albion)
1994 — Josip Skoko (North Geelong)
1995 — Sava Rusmir (Port Melbourne)

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1995 ABSW Player of the Year Sava Rusmir.



1994 ABSW Player of the Year Josip Skoko.

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

STATE ONE

SATURDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER ROUND 25

Callfield City	v	Westgate
Br'meadows City	v	Richmond
Frankston Pines	v	Northcote City
Croydon City	v	Knox City
Bentleigh Greens	v	Thomastown Devils
Clarendon	v	Lalor United
Western Suburbs	v	Oakleigh

RICHMOND
Northcote City
Knox City
Thomastown Devils
Lalor United
Oakleigh

STATE TWO

SATURDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER ROUND 25

Altona East	v	Briarwood City
Bell Park	v	Regent Bella
Altona City	v	Moorabbin City
Ess. Brem. Royas	v	Waverley City
East Richmond	v	Neerabup City
Mooroolbark	v	Spr. White Eagles
	v	Cahon Hill

Briarwood City
Regent Bella
Moorabbin City
Waverley City
Neerabup City
Spr. White Eagles
Cahon Hill

STATE THREE

SATURDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER ROUND 25

Pascoe Vale	v	SANDRINGHAM CITY
Sunbury Utd	v	BANYULE
Keilor Eagles	v	SEAFORD LTD
Sth Werribee	v	Sth Dandenong
Sth Caulfield	v	FRANKSTON
Elt Dja Valley	v	WESTVALE
Fitzroy City	v	MELBOURNE CITY

SANDRINGHAM CITY
BANYULE
SEAFORD LTD
Sth Dandenong
FRANKSTON
WESTVALE
MELBOURNE CITY

STATE FOUR

SATURDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER ROUND 25

LANGWARRIN	v	MONBULK
YARRAVILLE	v	STONNINGTON CITY
DOVETON	v	STH WENTIRNA
CORIO	v	STH SPRINGVALE
CRANBOURNE	v	NTH COBURG UTD
BRIGHTON	v	GEELONG
SUNSHINE HEIGHTS	v	WILLIAMSTOWN

MONBULK
STONNINGTON CITY
STH WENTIRNA
STH SPRINGVALE
NTH COBURG UTD
GEELONG
WILLIAMSTOWN

PROVISIONAL ONE

SATURDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER ROUND 25

GLENROY	v	HEIDELBERG CITY
Nth Sunshine	v	MORELAND CITY
Dandenong	v	LALOR
Knox Park	v	MITCHAM UTD
Ballarat	v	MELTON
Brandon Park	v	GEEL. RANGERS
Spring Condors	v	OLD SCOTCH

HEIDELBERG CITY
MORELAND CITY
LALOR
MITCHAM UTD
MELTON
GEEL. RANGERS
OLD SCOTCH

PROVISIONAL TWO

SATURDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER ROUND 25

HAMPTON PK UTD	v	HOPPERS CR'SING
BRUNSWICK CITY	v	LYNDALE UTD
BRASESIDE UTD	v	KEYSBOROUGH
EAST NUN. EAGLES	v	MEADOW PARK
BERWICK CITY	v	MONASH UNI.
BROADMEADOWS LTD	v	MORNINGTON
SOUTH YARRA	v	NTH GLENROY

HOPPERS CR'SING
LYNDALE UTD
KEYSBOROUGH
MEADOW PARK
MONASH UNI.
MORNINGTON
NTH GLENROY

PROVISIONAL THREE NORTH WEST

SUNDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER ROUND 21

Whittlesea Ltd	v	Nth Reservoir
West Preston	v	Darebin Utd
Sydenham Park	v	Keon Park
Sunshine Park	v	Lathrobe Lnd
Northern Utd	v	Mill Park
	v	Diamond Valley

Nth Reservoir
Darebin Utd
Keon Park
Lathrobe Lnd
Mill Park
Diamond Valley

PROVISIONAL THREE METRO

SATURDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER ROUND 21

Uni Melb Blues	v	PARKMORE
Yallourn	v	ASHBURTON
T'stowe Eagles	v	ENDEAVOUR UTD
Riversdale	v	KEILOR UTD
Ringwood Rovers	v	MELB UNI RANGERS
Elwood City	v	CARRUM UTD

PARKMORE
ASHBURTON
ENDEAVOUR UTD
KEILOR UTD
MELB UNI RANGERS
CARRUM UTD

PROVISIONAL THREE NTH/EAST/CENTRAL

SUNDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER ROUND 21

Ivanhoe Utd	v	Nth Caulfield
Wav. Wanderers	v	CAM. GRAM. OLD BOYS
Flem. Falcons	v	EAST KELV
RMIT	v	WANTIRNA
Oakleigh Utd	v	ENDEAVOUR HILLS
Thorndley	v	COLDINGWOOD CITY

Nth Caulfield
CAM. GRAM. OLD BOYS
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WANTIRNA
ENDEAVOUR HILLS
COLDINGWOOD CITY

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SPORTS SECTION

PREMIER LEAGUE

PORT MELBOURNE 0 ALTONA 1

BY DWYGH TUFFNELL

Zdravko Atanasovski put Altona Magic into this season Premier League Grand Final with a late strike over the minor premiers Port Melbourne Sharks at Anderson Reserve in the Major Semi-Final on Sunday.

Atanasovski's 102nd minute goal was the first that the Magic have managed to score against the Sharks in their five Premier League meetings.

The young defender waltzed through the Port defence before going round keeper Dean Anastasiadis and shooting home from a tight angle.

It was a lacklustre display from arguably the two most exciting teams in the league.

Altona keeper, Darren McGrath, made two outstanding saves at crucial points of the match.

Nick Tsaltas was the first one to be denied in the 89th minute when he had his shot stopped by the Magic custodian into the path of substitute Bill Daglis who couldn't connect with the ball facing an empty net.

The second stop was in the last minute of extra time following Nick Papadopoulos' mazy run

when McGrath produced a breath taking save from the Port midfielder's goal bound effort.

McGrath also had the benefit of a rock solid defence in the front of him led by Paul Harris, Tom Markovski and Altona's best player in the final series so far, Robert Runje.

The trio gobbed up every high ball that the Sharks could throw at them and managed to stop Con Kotzagiannidis and the leagues leading scorer, Tsaltas, from causing mayhem.

Magic coach Ian Dobson brought on injured star John Markovski for the last seven minutes, but he will no doubt make a much bigger impact on Grand Final day.

Port were without the services of suspended sweeper Nick Palamaras and ABSW player of the year, Sava Rusmir, who was badly missed by the Sharks on the left hand side.

The Sharks now take on the resurgent Bulleen Lions in next weeks Preliminary Final. They were the only side to beat them in a season in which Port romped in by 22 points and took out the minor premiership, although that counts for very little now.

"We're really looking forward to the Grand Final, the boys are on a high. This week we will just take it easy and go and see the Preliminary Final next week, and then from then

TOP SCORERS		
18	N Tsaltas	(Port Melbourne)
14	C Lewis	(Sunshine)
13	V Trpcesvki	(Altona M)
12	G Sivigos	(Port Melb)
11	D White	(Bulleen)
10	D Genovesi	(Green Gully)
	T Pondeljak	(St Albans)
	J Suric	(Werribee)

we will be totally focused on the Grand Final" said Dobson on leading the club to its first Grand Final.

Media liaison officer Tony Siskovski echoed the sentiments of an elated Magic camp.

"I think we will go all the way now, just watch us. The boys are very confident."

"We don't care who we play, either of the sides is going to be tough, any win against Port Melbourne is a good one and the way that Bulleen have played in the finals so far has been impressive."

SHARKS Anastasiadis, Dimitrelas, Argyriou, Kyirkopoulos, Pasakos, Fak, Sivigos, Georgiadis, Tsaltas, Kotzagiannidis, (Daglis 86m), Papadopoulos. MAGIC: McGrath, Tasevski, Atanasovski, Runje, Harris, T Markovski, Velkovski, Madarovski (Cvetkovski 72m), Kutelesovski, Emsovska (J Markovski 103m), Radecki. REFEREE: Carlo Graser

BEST PLAYER

3 Velkovski (AM)
2 Sivigos (PM)
1 Runje (AM)
YELLOW CARDS Argyriou (PM) Tasevski (AM)
SCORERS Atanasovski 102m (AM)
CROWD: approx 3,500

BULLEEN 5 SUNSHINE GEORGIES 1

BY JOHN RIGAS

A sizzling performance by the Bulleen Lions enabled them to continue their consistent form in finals football as they blew away the Sunshine Georgies 5-1 at SS Anderson Reserve on Sunday.

Bulleen had impact on the scoreboard as early as in the 9th minute. Striker Dale White put in a square ball to man mountain Peter Lutgens who easily put his shot past Steve Wardle.

Sunshine hit back 7 minutes later when midfielder Spencer Field sent in a perfect cross to striker Craig Lewis who powered his shot past former Socceroos goalkeeper Jeff Olver from close range.

The Lions should have gone further ahead on the 30th minute when a Peter Diddi Iorio shot was cleared off the line by Anthony Cassar.

Bulleen's dominance

continued in the 36th minute when White struck the cross bar with a powerful shot. The ball fell to the feet of Pat Giaccherini who made the score 2-1.

The Lions went further ahead in the 55th minute when a Giaccherini free kick was played into the path of right back Frank Valentic. His shot, from the edge of the area, went in off the post.

The nightmare continued for the Georgies in the 88th minute when an Anthony Grbac pass was latched on to by Di Iorio who lobbed the advancing Steve Wardle.

The score continued to rise for Bulleen in stoppage time, when a Tom Sonsini through ball was played to skipper Scott Patterson who rounded Wardle and walked the ball into the back of the net.

A scare was sent through the Lions camp as star striker Pat Giaccherini was carried off the ground with a serious leg injury.

Bulleen coach Peter Ollerton was naturally delighted with his side's performance. He remarked after the game that his side were very good.

The Lions were well prepared for today's encounter as Ollerton brought his squad together on Saturday for a team meeting and a training session.

Ollerton is quietly confident about playing Port Melbourne as his side beat the Sharks 1-0 recently, "We don't fear playing them".

Sunshine coach Willie Vassallo said that a few

PREMIER LEAGUE

FINALS

WHAT THE EXPERTS THINK

PORT MELBOURNE

v

BULLEEN

Dwight Tuffnell

Lions 2-0

John Rigas

Lions 2-1

Greg Blake

Lions on pens

Nick Tzaferis

Sharks 1-0

Nick Giannakopoulos

Sharks 3-1

Scott Spits

Lions on pens

Rod Bowles

Sharks 3-2

Sonia Vlouka

Sharks on pens

Luke Buttigieg

Sharks 1-0

bad decisions went against his team today.

Vassallo also mentioned, "If you're not playing good football it's hard to win, the first 2 goals were give aways".

Peter Ollerton is aiming for his 4th title in the Premier League as he has already won 2 with Croydon City Dons in 1985 and 86 and last year with Preston Lions.

SUNSHINE GEORGIES: Wardle, Melrose (replaced with Pappas in the 75th min), Kanesoulis, Cassar, Ferla, Field, Lewis, Dougherty, Aretis (replaced with Daglaras in the 75th min), Stenson, Sherisovski, LIONS: Olver, Valentic, Tsakos (replaced with Ulana in the 89th min), Liparotti, Sonsini, Grbac, White, Giaccherini (replaced with Lenetis in the 59th min), Patterson, Di Iorio, Lutgens, REFEREE: Jerry

Connolly

BEST PLAYERS

3 - Liparotti (BL)

2 - Di Iorio (BL)

1 - Grbac (BL)

YELLOW CARDS:

Liparotti (BL),

Kanesoulis, Lewis,

Dougherty, Pappas (SG)

SCORERS: Lutgens 9th

min, Giaccherini 36th

min, Valentic 55th min,

Di Iorio 88th min and

Patterson 91st min (BL)

Lewis 16th min (SG)

CROWD: 3,500

THIS WEEKS GAMES

SUNDAY

Chaplin Reserve, Sunshine
Port Melbourne Sharks v Bulleen Lions (Preliminary Final - 3.00pm)

PREMIER LEAGUE RESULTS

MINOR SEMI FINAL

Sunshine Georgies 1 (Lewis 16m, Bulleen Lions 5 (Lutgens 9m, Giaccherini 36m, Valentic 55m, Di Iorio 88m, Patterson 91m))

MAJOR SEMI FINAL

Port Melbourne Sharks 0 - Altona Magic 1 (Atanasovski 102m)

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W VICTORY LAND D D E R S

PREMIER LEAGUE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Gr. Gully Civil.	26	20	2	4	60	26	62
Sun. Georgies	25	15	5	5	57	23	50
Bulleen Lions	23	13	5	5	48	29	44
Fawkner Blues	25	13	1	8	53	48	43
Preston Lions	22	14	0	8	62	36	42
St Alb Saints	24	10	8	6	41	36	38
Altona Magic	26	11	4	11	46	42	37
Pt Melb Sharks	26	9	5	12	35	43	32
Werribee Bees	26	8	7	11	40	43	31
Spr City Vales	26	7	8	11	44	42	29
Doncaster Rovers	25	7	6	12	45	42	27
Box Hill Inter	25	7	5	13	43	52	26
Nt. Geel. Warrior	26	6	5	15	36	61	23

STATE ONE FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bent. Greens	24	16	6	2	57	23	54
Thomas. Devils	24	14	5	5	47	35	47
Clarinda	24	11	6	7	39	30	39
Lalor United	23	10	7	6	32	28	37
Westgate	24	9	7	8	40	37	34
West. Suburbs	24	10	7	7	25	22	34
Richmond	24	9	6	9	35	38	33
Croydon City	23	8	7	8	33	37	28
Northcote City	24	6	11	7	31	30	26
Caulfield City	23	7	5	11	33	40	26
Broadmeadows	23	6	5	12	33	35	23
Oakleigh	24	6	4	14	28	48	22
Frank. Pines	23	5	6	12	28	35	21
Knox City	23	4	6	13	23	46	18

STATE ONE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond	23	15	4	4	68	36	49
Bent. Greens	24	13	6	5	47	23	45
Oakleigh	24	13	6	5	51	34	45
Th'town Devils	23	12	54	6	40	29	41
Broadmeadows	23	10	5	8	41	46	35
Frank. Pines	22	9	6	7	42	34	33
Knox City	22	8	7	7	39	33	31
Northcote City	23	9	5	9	38	41	29
Lalor Utd	21	8	4	9	36	33	28
Caulfield City	23	6	9	8	45	41	27
Clarinda	22	7	5	10	31	36	26
Westgate	24	6	4	14	36	62	22
West. Suburbs	23	5	4	14	34	55	16
Croydon City	23	2	4	17	17	62	7

STATE TWO FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sp. White Eagles	23	17	5	1	52	23	56
Moorabbin City	23	15	6	2	42	13	51
Waverley City	24	12	9	3	48	25	45
Ess. Brun. Royals	24	14	6	4	57	37	45
Regent Bulla	24	9	8	7	45	37	35
Bell Park	24	9	5	10	29	36	32
Nunawading City	24	8	7	9	30	37	31
East Richmond	23	7	8	8	22	29	29
Altona East	23	7	6	10	39	29	27
Mooroolbark	24	6	7	11	24	39	25
Chelsea	24	6	5	13	23	35	23
Ringwood City	24	6	4	14	20	43	22
Altona City	24	4	6	14	24	51	18
Clifton Hill	24	3	4	17	27	56	13

STATE TWO RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Moorabbin City	22	18	3	1	88	20	57
Waverley City	23	17	2	4	70	24	53
Altona City	23	14	5	4	59	32	47
Sp. White Eagles	23	13	5	5	47	25	44
Regent Bulla	20	12	3	5	63	27	39
Ess. Brun. Royals	23	10	7	6	43	20	34
Ringwood City	24	10	1	13	46	61	31
Altona East	24	8	6	10	29	47	30

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Mooroolbark	24	8	3	13	40	51	27
Clifton Hill	22	7	5	10	25	28	26
Nunawading City	24	5	3	15	23	51	21
Bell Park	24	6	1	17	26	66	19
East Richmond	24	4	5	15	29	69	17
Chelsea	24	2	5	17	16	83	11

STATE THREE FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Westvale	24	17	5	2	74	26	56
Sth Dandenong	24	15	5	4	67	27	50
Melb. City	24	14	3	7	38	27	45
Sth Werribee	24	13	4	7	43	35	43
Sth Caulfield	23	13	2	8	35	30	41
Frankston	23	12	3	8	53	34	39
Elt Dia Valley	23	10	6	7	39	32	36
Keilor Eagles	24	7	8	9	25	30	29
Fitzroy City	23	9	2	12	24	36	29
Pascoe Vale	24	8	4	12	37	41	28
Banyule	24	8	1	15	42	63	25
Seaford Utd	24	6	4	14	38	61	22
Sunbury Utd	23	5	4	14	25	46	19
Sandringham	23	0	5	16	15	67	2

STATE THREE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Westvale	23	19					

Appeal upheld: Murphy is Netbuster of the Year

After weeks of uncertainty, Swan IC striker Peter Murphy has officially been declared the Professional Soccer Federation Division One top goalscorer for 1995.

It could so easily have been different. The PSF originally announced they were going to reverse the result of Swan's opening league fixture against Bayswater City after it was revealed Murphy may not have been registered at the time. The instinctive striker had netted four goals in an 8-2 victory, and was in danger of losing them. On top of this the team looked

like forfeiting the three points. The PSF upheld Swan's appeal and they retain fourth place in the standings, while Bayswater are doomed to Division Two along with Fremantle City.

"I was always confident the outcome would be in our favour," said Murphy who finished the season with 17 goals. This was the same as last year when he was runner-up to Jimmy Provan on 19.

"It's a great feeling to finish top after being in Perth for so long."

Murphy migrated to Perth from Scotland in 1984. His most impressive highlight was in 1990 when he

scored an astonishing nine goals for Perth Italia in a 10-1 thrashing of Kwinana United.

Despite being 34, Murphy has no intention of hanging up his boots, in fact he feels he could contribute to the Perth team that will be entering the National League next year. "If they're smart, they should look for stability in their first year and have a few experienced heads to go with the youngsters. Obviously I'd like to play at the highest level, but we'll just have to wait and see if this eventuates," he said.

TOP GOALSCORERS

PSF DIVISION ONE

17	Peter Murphy	Swan IC
14	Neil Blunt	Sorrento
13	Alan McTurk	Inglewood
12	Trim Morgan	Inglewood
	Terry Worsfold	Swan IC
11	Slobodan Despotovski	Floreat
10	Steve Bourne	Stirling
9	Robert Perruzza	Panthers
8	Joe Kelly	Sorrento
7	Simon Bowman	Sorrento
	Ian Cornthwaite	Stirling
	Gerry Christie	Spearwood
	Garry Murray	Spearwood
6	Kevin Elliott	Spearwood
	Aykut Sadat	Fremantle
5	Andrew Chapman	Sorrento
	Gary Lees	Stirling
	Dean Nicolaou	Floreat
	Paul Strudwick	Inglewood
	Michael Vassiliou	Bayswater



Peter Murphy: Top scorer in PSF.

McTurk squeezes Falcons through

Inglewood Falcons are now just a step away from a second ever D'Orsogna Cup Grand Final appearance, following a quarter final victory over Floreat Athena at the Klev Sports Ground last Saturday.

A quality strike from midfielder Alan McTurk produced the only goal in a drab encounter, devoid of the passion you'd come to expect at this stage of the competition.

Floreat, three times winners of the cup, had their best moments into the opening half, but found Falcon's keeper Darren Goldsworthy in inspirational form.

The game was just two minutes old when the talented keeper instinctively swooped on the bootlaces of Dean Nicolaou after he was put goal-bound by Taki Tzoganos.

Eight minutes later cries for a penalty from the Floreat supporters were ignored by referee Colin Dickson after Slobodan Despotovski collided with the oncoming Goldsworthy.

After two consecutive finger-tipped saves to deny Tzoganos and Michael Roki in the 17



Alan McTurk: His goal was enough to give Inglewood victory.

minute, the Falcons responded emphatically three minutes later with the opening goal by McTurk who drilled the ball past Willie McNally from 14 metres.

Athena never recovered from that goal, appearing to run out of ideas when

with only thin air

The Falcons however had their final word through Jason Ainsley and Martin Quilfoyle who squandered further chances in the dying seconds.

Cup holders Spearwood Dalmatinac are the only other remaining first division side in the competition after a drama-packed, last gasp 1-0 win over Fremantle City at the W.A. Portuguese Club Ground.

Fremantle's undeterred goalkeeper Adrian Rawlings turned on a sensational performance to shut-out Spearwood, only to tragically suffer an ankle injury at the start of extra time which eventually tilted the game in the visitors favour.

Rawlings denied Dean Wallace and Dean Gartside certain goals in the 61st and 62nd minute, and Michael Mirco crashed a drive onto the bar ten minutes further on.

City came perilously close to causing an upset when Craig Rourke cleared a fierce Joe Shaper strike off the line with his chest.

The break through came near the end of

Kingsway in a boil-over

Second Division Club Kingsway Olympic moved into the semi-finals of the D'Orsogna Cup after a shock win over 1st Division giant Sorrento at Percy Doyle Reserve.

It has been a nightmare end to the season for the Gulls, who at one stage were in a strong position to take the League Championship, but losses in their final 3 fixtures saw them slump to 5th position.

Now they are out of the stakes of the most prestigious cup competition after loosing on a penalty shoot-out to Kingsway who are close to returning to the top division after being relegated last year.

Olympic were the more accurate from the spot with four goals to one after the match had ended 2-2 at the end of sudden death extra time.

The visitors hit the front after twenty five minutes

the first half of sudden death extra time after stand-in keeper Andy Thorburn expertly tipped away a Gerry Christie header.

The sweeper was forced to wear the goalie's shirt due to City having already used up their substitute quota.

From the resultant corner, Hugh Miller ghosted in and found the net with a quality glancing header through a pack of players.

division by the skin of their teeth.

After early misses to Dunc Nicora and Steve McCaffrey, Marco Sasic scored the winner 8 minutes before half time when he slammed home a loose ball past a hesitant Colin Lees.

Five minutes later, Dianella could have stretched their lead when Julian Drummond headed a James Taylor long throw just wide.

Although Stirling dominated for long periods of the second half they had a tough time trying to break now the Eagles rearguard that contained former Sorrento defenders Marc Scannell and John Peacock.

In the closing seconds, Rene de Kode Koning did have an opportunity to put the game into extra time, but the normally reliable midfielder skied his strike over the top from close range.

Test Your Knowledge

ANSWERS

- (1) Oleg Salenko
- (2) David Gilmour
- (3) Antonio's Pizzeria
- (4) Martred Schaefer
- (5) Tony Yerboah
- (6) Robbie Fowler
- (7) Pavle Sadyrin (Russia)
- (8) Dennis Bergkamp & Wim Jonk
- (9) German Westerhof (Netherlands)
- (10) Liverpool

NORTHERN NEW SOUTH WALES

1995 NBN SOCCER LEAGUE

1ST DIVISION SEMI-FINALS

1st Edgeworth Eagles	0	Weston Workers Bears	1
Res. Wallsend Red Devils	1	Hamilton Warriors	2
18's Wallsend Red Devils	0	Hamilton Warriors	1
1st Highfields	2	Wallsend Red Devils	4
Res. Highfields	1	Weston Workers Bears	4
18's Highfields	0	Weston Workers Bears	2

QUEENSLAND XXXX LEAGUE

XXXX LEAGUE

Qualifying Semi-Final

Brisbane Lions	3	def	Coalstars	1
Rochedale Rovers	2	drew	Taringa Rovers	2 (after extra time)

Replay Wednesday 6 September 8.30pm at Perry Park

DIVISION 2

Ipswich St Helens	1	.....	.....	.....	0
Logan City Kings	2	.....	.....	.....	1
The Gap	3	.....	.....	.....	0
Darra United	3	.....	.....	.....	1
Southside Eagles	1	.....	.....	.....	0

LISMORE

1995 TABLES

PREMIER DIVISION

Goonellabah	22	19	1	2	54	8	58
Lismore Workers	22	15	2	5	54	19	47
Lismore Thistles	22	12	8	2	39	16	44
Richmond Rovers	22	11	7	4	46	27	40
Balina	22	7	6	9	18	33	27
South Lismore	22	7	5	10	25	36	26
Maclean	22	7	4	11	25	37	25
Grafton	22	6	5	11	25	39	23
Byron Bay	22	5	7	10	33	47	22
Casino	22	5	4	13	35	57	19
Alstonville	22	4	5	13	15	29	17
Stars	22	3	8	11	22	43	17
Lismore Thistles	22	17	4	1	74	10	55
Goonellabah	22	17	2	3	74	19	53
Richmond Rovers	22	14	5	3	55	18	47
Balina	22	11	8	3	40	22	41
Lismore Workers	22	12	4	6	51	34	40
South Lismore	22	7	4	11	21	40	25
Byron Bay	22	5	7	10	24	40	22
Stars	22	6	3	13	27	41	21
Maclean	22	6	2	14	17	49	20
Alstonville	22	6	1	15	21	50	19
Grafton	22	5	4	13	23	53	19
Casino	22	3	2	17	15	68	11

FIRST DIVISION

Nimbin Headers	16	11	2	3	39	22	35
University	16	10	3	3	42	18	33
Bangalow	16	10	1	5	36	21	31
Goonellabah	16	7	4	5	22	24	25
Tintenbar	16	5	5	5	29	23	23
Kyogle	16	7	2	7	39	36	23
Brunswick Valley	16	4	2	10	21	57	14
Balina	16	2	4	10	28	38	10
Lennox Head	16	2	3	11	14	31	9

FIRST RESERVE DIVISION

Bangalow	16	12	2	2	27	9	38
University	16	10	5	1	40	14	35
Tintenbar	16	11	1	4	50	21	34
Nimbin Headers	16	10	3	3	35	13	33
Goonellabah	16	6	2	8	29	16	20
Lennox Head	16	3	4	9	13	38	13
Brunswick Valley	16	1	6	9	12	32	9
Kyogle	16	1	4	11	13	49	7

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Blue Eagles Premier League Champions for '95

The 1995 Premier League season came to a close on Saturday with the grand final of the top four series which saw Adelaide Blue Eagles defeat a gallant Adelaide Raiders by three goals to nil.

The grand final celebrations started as early as the fourth minute of the game for the Blue Eagles after player coach Zoran Karadzic waltzed through the Raiders defence from the left and put a great ball across the box to the ever-alert Blue Eagles skipper Angie Gianniotto who calmly tapped the ball past Raiders keeper Mate Maric.

The Blue Eagles never looked back from then on and their constant pressure paid off in the 33rd minute of the game when classy midfielder Corey Artone in one of his penetrating runs through the Raiders defence found striker Joe Barbaro inside the box. The ace goalscorer unleashed a fierce low shot giving Maric no chance and sending the Blue Eagles into the break with a deserved 2-0 lead.

Any hopes the Raiders had of a come back in the second half were soon shattered, after defender Mark Camilleri was sent off by referee Mike Pary for a second bookable offence.

This allowed the Blue Eagles to take the foot off the accelerator and totally dominate the game even though the Raiders had a few opportunities to pull a goal back.

Scoring for the Blue Eagles was rounded off in the 82nd minute after Slowak Nowak found Karadzic in the box. He headed the ball against the post, Defender Donato Deleso was on hand to put the rebound into the open net giving his team a 3-0 lead and a second successive Premier League championship.

The successful Blue Eagles championship squad consisted of Fraser McLean, Donato Deleso, Pino Gianniotto, Joe Cutillo, Zoran Karadzic, Slowak Nowak, Corey Artone, Joe Barbaro, Mark Abraham, Angie Gianniotto, Tony Gianniotto, Michael Brooks, Paul Pezos, Adriano Pape, Lino Sattin, Andrew Borghetto and Andy Papp-Horvath.

Ten-man Olympians – State League Champions

By far the most entertaining game last Saturday at Hindmarsh, was the state League grand final between Minor Premiers Para Hills Knights and the never say die Olympians.

With three stunning goals, a sending off and countless goal scoring chances by both teams this game was a real crowd pleaser.

The Knights had the early advantage in the first half, but they were unable to capitalise due to lack of composure in front of goals and also the heroic work of Olympians keeper George Karamalis.

It was Olympians though who opened the scoring in the 25th minute, after the Knights defence was unable to dispose of a cross from the left. The ball fell invitingly for Lukas Tsimopoulos and from 20 metres he struck a fierce volley which gave Knights keeper Frank Blazevic no chance.

The second half started much like the first, with the Knights attacking from the outset. After a few near misses by striker Jason Trimboli and Lachlan Campbell, the Knights finally levelled the scores in the 58th minute. Defender Fortu Costanzo beat two Olympians players on the left and with a great low strike from outside the box, beat Karamalis on the far post.

Just 13 minutes later Olympians were dealt a severe blow, when player-coach Raymond Blair was sent off after a second yellow card offence.

The dismissal made the Olympians players more determined to win the game. They chased, harassed and valiantly fought to keep the game alive and did not let the 11 men of the Knights take total control. Much to the delight of their supporters and officials they won the game in the last minute, when midfielder John Katsabis scored after his shot took a deflection from a Knights player.

The Julio Balleto medal for the best player on the ground was deservedly won by the Olympians goalkeeper Karamalis who is undoubtedly one of the best custodians in South Australia.

The successful Olympians championship squad consisted of: George Karamalis, John Katranis, Bill Penelis, George Georgeou, Raymond Blair, John Katsabis, Nick Mousouros, Jim Volis, Steve Naipantidis, George Kollias, George Toulantas, Michael Segredos, Chris Haskas, Lukas Tsimopoulos, John Spatharos, Nick Konstantopoulos, John Ioanou and Alex Broikos.

- JOHN DEE

THE SYDNEY SOCCER WORLD CUP

The Sydney Soccer World Cup will kick off with the Over-35s division on Saturday, September 23.

The following Saturday will see the the start of the Opens age group and under-18s.

Competing teams must play under the banner of a country. For example, Brazil, Chile, Greece.

However players do not have to be from that particular country to compete and there can only be one country per division.

THIS YEAR'S TEAMS ARE:

OPENS

Argentina

Australia(**)

Burma

Chile(**)

China

England

Italy

North Cyprus

Peru

Portugal

Spain

Syria

Somalia

Turkey

Uruguay

Under 18s

Argentina

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WOMEN'S WRITES

BY JANENE MAR

Australian Youth Championships

Youth crown up for grabs

Southport on Queensland's Gold Coast this year plays host to Australia's top young footballers battling it out for the title of Australian Youth Champions, from 10-16 September.

Women's soccer enthusiasts from around the country are eagerly awaiting the championship

kick-off, following the excitement of the Junior Nationals earlier this year. Hobart saw ACT and Victoria contest the Junior final — two sides who knocked traditional frontrunners NSW and Queensland from their perch.

A similar scenario may also unfold at Youth level. The ITC program has

brought a new professionalism and standard to today's female soccer athlete, the impact at its greatest with the younger players.

Along with a general increase in player numbers and interest across the board, and Olympic status now affording players a real career target, today we see

a new breed of talented, exciting young players emerging.

The record books show NSW and Queensland have had a near stranglehold on the Youth title also, but will again find it tough maintaining that dominance. All States except Northern Territory will be represented in Southport.

PREVIOUS RESULTS

YEAR	VENUE	1ST	2ND	OTHER COMPETING STATES
1985	Hobart	NSW	WA	SQ NSW VIC ACT TAS NT
1986	Sydney	NSW	NNNSW	SQ WA TAS NT ACT VIC
1987	Brisbane	NNNSW	WA	SQ ACT NT NSW VIC
1988	Perth	NSW	SQ	NT NNSW ACT TAS WA
1989	Darwin	SQ	NSW	NNNSW TAS NT
1990	Melbourne	NSW	SQ	ACT VIC TAS NNSW
1991	Woy Woy	NSW	SQ	TAS VIC ACT SA NNSW
1992	Hobart	NSW-OLD		ACT NNSW SA VIC TAS
1993	Sydney	QLD	NSW	ACT NNSW SA VIC TAS
1994	Canberra	NSW	QLD	SA TAS ACT NNSW VIC WA

STATE YOUTH TEAM 1995

GK=Goalkeeper D=Defender M=Midfielder F=Forward U=Utility

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

NO.	NAME	POSITION	CLUB	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	COACH — RON OLIVIERI	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	STURT MARION	MODBURY
1	AMY BEATTIE	GK	BELCONNEN UTD	LYN WHITE	2	KRISTY MOORE	GK																
2	MELISSA DE RYCK	D/M	CANBERRA CITY	LIZ HARMER	3	FELICITY FORBY	F																
3	FELICITY COX	D	CANBERRA CITY	NIKKI PHILLIPS	4	EMILY BUTASIL	M																
4	TRISH ROBINSON	M/D	TUGGERANONG UTD	EMILY MACGAVIN	5	ROSA PAPALIA	D																
5	AMY SMALLPAGE	F	TUGGERANONG UTD	REBECCA CRILLEY	6	REBECCA CRILLEY	M																
6	DIOR FOXHILL	M	CANBERRA CITY	ALISON HILL	7	ALISON HILL	M																
7	CINDY DOYLE	F	WESTON CREEK	ANDY MASTROAVAS	8	KATRINA MAHONY	D																
8	BIANCA LEE	D	STORMBIRDS	RENICE REEVES	9	CARLY NIELSON	D																
9	MARIA TRIANTAFILOU	D	WESTON CREEK	SALLY BUCKMAN	10	KIMBERLEY MORRIS	M																
10	AMY WILSON	M	CANBERRA CITY	COACH — RON OLIVIERI	11																		
11	DANICA RALSTON	F	CANBERRA CITY		12																		
12	AMY TAYLOR	M	TUGGERANONG UTD		13																		
13	TRACY FLORO	D	CANBERRA CITY		14																		
14	SOPHIE CALLAN	D	CANBERRA CITY		15																		
15	TARA HUMMELSHOJ	D	BELCONNEN UTD		16																		
	COACH — CHRIS FLORENTINE																						

NEW SOUTH WALES

1	BELINDA BARTER	GK	SUTHERLAND SHIRE	2	BELINDA KNOTT	D	CALIES
2	GILL THOMSON	M/F	MARCONI	3	LISA PERRY	D/M	KINGBOROUGH
3	KRISTEN SPINNER	D	MARCONI	4	RACHEL SPEAR	D/M	KINGBOROUGH
4	NADINE HUMPHRIES	D	UWS MACARTHUR	5	REBECCA WHEATLEY	F	KINGBOROUGH
5	CASSANDRA CLRRAN	D	NSW ITC	6	ZOE NOLAN	M	KINGSBOROUGH
6	HANNAH BURTON	M	MARCONI	7	SARAH FITZGERALD	M	CALIES
7	KRISTY HEYWARD	D	UWS MACARTHUR	8	TRACEY WESSILEN	M	CALIES
8	BRIDGET HARRIES	M/F	NSW ITC	9	STACY BROWN	D/M	CALIES
9	TARYN ROCKALL	M	MARCONI	10	KAREN CLARK	D/M	CALIES
10	BRONWYN BOLAND	D/M	NSW ITC	11	NAOMI DENNE	M	CALIES
11	VERNA BRINSKELLE	F/M	SUTHERLAND SHIRE	12	ELIZABETH RATCLIFFE	D	WESTERN SUBLABS
12	ELIZABETH COTTON	F	GLADESVILLE RAVENS	13	KELLY TRIPPETT	D/M	METRO
13	ALISA WINNER	M	NSW ITC	14	GRAY MELASH	F/M	JUVENTUS
14	ROCHELLE DOYLE	M	SUTHERLAND SHIRE	15	ANNELI BINNS	F/M	KINGBOROUGH
15	REBECCA READ	M/F	BATHURST CITY	16	JANINE JOHNSTON	M	UNIVERSITY
16	CLAIRE O'NEILL	GK	LIVERPOOL CITY	17	STEPHANIE MILES	M	UNIVERSITY
	COACH — LEIGH WARDELL			18	KARYN GRAHAM	GK	METRO

NORTHERN NEW SOUTH WALES

1	KAREN LAWES	GK	MACQUARIE	2	EMMA BRACKEN	GK	LANGWARRIN
2	KRISTY PALOZZI	D/M	MACQUARIE	3	LOUISA BISBY	D	DONCASTER
3	KRISTY DUGOMANOV	D/M	MACQUARIE	4	NATALIE BRUZZESE	D	BRUNSWICK
4	MICHELLE O'CONNOR	D/M	CENTRAL COAST	5	KIM WEEKS	M	MORWELL FALCONS
5	TRUDY DIAMOND	D/M	MACQUARIE	6	CHRISTINA SIDIROPOULOS	M	HEIDELBERG
6	DANIELLE SMALL	M/F	MACQUARIE	7	NICKY NEWSON	D/M	GOLDEN CITY
7	TRACY BAKER	M/F	MACQUARIE	8	KATHY ZACHAROPOULOS	M/F	DONCASTER
8	REBECCA GOTTSSTEIN	M/F	MACQUARIE	9	MARCELLA ROJAS	D/M	BRUNSWICK
9	KYLIE TULL	M/F	MACQUARIE	10	DANIELA DIGIAMARCO	M	BRUNSWICK
10	TRACIE McGOVERN	M/F	OXEY	11	JOANNE SATLER	D	DIGGERS REST
11	ANGELA SCHIEBEL	M/F	NEWCASTLE PT STEPHENS	12	SILVANA COSIC	F	GEELONG
12	LISA RICHARDS	M/F	MACQUARIE	13	MICHELLE FULLER	M	MELTON
13	AMANDA GAVENLOCK	D/M	MACQUARIE	14	CATHRAN GUNNING	D	SEAFORD
14	MICHELLE LEWIS	U	NEWCASTLE PT STEPHENS	15	CONNIE TSIORLAS	F	BRUNSWICK
15	BELINDA TREMBATH	U	CENTRAL COAST	16	JULIE BRACKEN	M/F	LANGWARRIN
16	ANGELA WHITE	U	MANNING	17	CELISE PAXTON	F	DIGGERS REST
17	TORIE TROWBRIDGE	D/M	MACQUARIE	18	KATIA DI PRINZO	D	DONCASTER
20	KRISTY HIGHAM	GK/D	MACQUARIE		MELISSA BARBIERI	GK	DONCASTER
	COACH — GRAHAM ELLERCAMP				COACH — SEBASTIAN ITALIA		

QUEENSLAND

1	TANYA COWAN	GK	FRENCHVILLE	2	LEIGH TEMPEST	GK	VASTO
2	CATHERINE RONCATO	D	BURDEKIN	3	TAL KARP	M	MELVILLE
3	SARAH GARVEN	D	QAS	4	SAMANTHA GIBBS	M	BALCATTA
4	MELINDA KENNEDY						

ITALY's Serie A & B

Italy's first division sides took a rest last Sunday because the national team will play Slovenia in a European championship qualifier tomorrow (Wednesday).

Italian Cup

SENSATIONS IN THE CUP

League title contenders Parma and Roma were among first division clubs reflecting last week on being caught out by fitter and more motivated opponents in the Italian Cup.

Both Parma and Roma were bundled out of the competition by second division teams last Wednesday when five other first division sides — Torino, Bari, Padova, Piacenza and Cremonese — also fell at the first fence.

Not even the inspiration of in-form Bulgarian striker Hristo Stoichkov could save Parma from a humiliating 3-0 away defeat by Palermo, while Roma were beaten 1-0 away to Bologna.

Unlike in previous seasons, the second-round Cup games were played on a single match knockout basis rather than as a two-leg



Carlo Mazzone: "Something not working right".

European-style tie.

Parma coach Nevio Scala said: "We're physically washed out and there are no excuses... Palermo played well, but we'll just have to be patient."

working right". While Parma and Roma stumbled, big names such as Juventus and AC Milan had comfortable wins.

Juventus new boys, Vladimir Jugovic and striker Michele Padovano, joined established pair Fabrizio Ravanelli and Alessandro Del Piero on the score sheet in a 4-1 away win over Avellino.

Milan coach Fabio Capello was satisfied with his side's 4-1 away win against Pescara in a game in which his "dream attack" of Roberto Baggio, Georges Weah and Dejan Savicevic proved outstanding, with Savicevic and Weah both scoring.

"The side played with a lot of character, highlighting the improvement (in fitness) of both Baggio and Savicevic," said Capello.



Vladimir Jugovic: Shown in his Sampdoria strip scored for his new club Juventus.

NAPOLI GO OUT

Third division Lecce added to the embarrassment of Italy's Serie A clubs when they beat Napoli 1-0 in the second round of the Italian Cup.

Striker Francesco Palmieri sent local fans into a frenzy when his left-footed shot beat goalkeeper Giuseppe Tagliatela in the 68th minute to give the southern club a deserved win in a match they dominated.

Napoli joined Parma, AS Roma, Torino, Bari and Piacenza in a group of top clubs beaten by second and third division opponents.

ITALIAN CUP

SECOND ROUND

— August 30 —

Fiorenzuola	.2	Torino	1
Avelino	.1	Juventus	4
Atalanta	2	Cremonese	2
(Atalanta won 6-4 on penalties)			
Lucchese	3	Cagliari	4
Reggiana	2	Bari	0
Bologna	1	Roma	0
Forti	1	Piacenza	1
(Forti 5-4 on penalties)			
Pescara	1	AC Milan	4
Chievo	1	Lazio	1
(Lazio 5-4 on penalties)			
Udinese	3	Genoa	0
Venezia	0	Inter	1
Ascoli	1	Fiorentina	2
Vicenza	4	Padova	2
Palermo	3	Parma	0
Perugia	0	Sampdoria	1
Lecce	1	Napoli	0

Asprilla sentenced to one years jail

Parma striker Faustino Asprilla has been sentenced in Colombia to one year in jail for illegal possession of firearms, suspended on condition that he report monthly to the Colombian consulate in Milan, the Italian news agency ANSA reported last week.

It said a local judge in Bogota had ruled that the Colombian striker should be made to serve the sentence unless he complied with the reporting requirements.

Asprilla's lawyer had asked for a full suspension of the sentence but his request had been turned down, the agency said in a report from Bogota.

Asprilla was charged following an incident on New Year's Eve in which the player was reported to have been found drunk in a bar brandishing two pistols and provoking other customers.

At the time, his Italian club said the episode was only "high spirits" and that two guns found in Asprilla's car belonged to his brother.



Faustino Asprilla: Suspended sentence.

TABLE

SERIE B

Verona	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Bologna	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Brescia	2	1	1	0	6	4	4
Lucchese	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Foggia	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Cesena	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Genoa	3	2	0	1	7	2	3
Pistoiese	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Avellino	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Palermo	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Chievo V.	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Perugia	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Cosenza	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Pescara	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
F. Andria	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Ancona	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Reggiana	2	0	1	1	0	2	1
Reggina	2	0	1	1	2	9	1
Salernitana	2	1	1	0	1	0	0
Venezia	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

RESULTS

SERIE B

Ancona	0	Lucchese	2
Avellino	1	Verona	0
Bologna	1	Perugia	0
Brescia	2	Fidelis Andria	2
Chievo Verona	0	Salernitana	0
Cosenza	0	Pescara	0
Foggia	1	Venezia	0
Genoa	7	Reggina	0
Palermo	1	Cesena	1
Pistoiese	2	Reggiana	0

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

BULGARIA ON WAY TO EURO '96

Bulgaria has 10 foreign-based players in a squad of 18 for its bid to pull off a seventh consecutive victory in European championship qualifying matches, against Albania in Tirana tomorrow (Wednesday).

Bulgaria's 100 percent winning record has put it top of group seven, five points clear of second-placed Germany.

Coach Dimitar Penev said: "A victory against Albania will be a cornerstone on our way to the finals but it would not book us a place in England. We have to continue our winning series."

Bulgaria's squad includes foreign-based players such as Parma's Hristo Stoichkov, VfB Stuttgart's Krasimir Balakov, Daniel Borinirov of 1860 Munich and Hamburg's Yordan Lechkov.

Stoichkov

Lechkov, who arrived in Sofia on Friday, both said they were confident of victory over Albania.

Striker Stoichkov said he had a few problems with "the Achilles but they will disappear in two-three days here with the help of the team's doctor".

SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS -

Borislav Mihailov, Dimitar Popov.

DEFENDERS -

Emil Kremenliev, Trifon Ivanov, Petar Hulchev, Tsanko Tsvetanov, Krasimir Chomakov, Engibar Engibarov.

MIDFIELDERS -

Krasimir Balakov, Yordan Lechkov, Zlatko Yankov, Radostin Keshishev.

FORWARDS -

Daniel Borinirov, Emil Kostadinov, Lyuboslav Penev, Hristo Stoichkov, Nasko Sirakov, Roumen Hristov.



Krasimir Balakov: German-based Bulgarian midfielder.



Jari Litmanen: Spearheading attack.

Finland shake up for Scotland game

Finland coach Jukka Ikkainen has named a full-strength 16-man squad for this week's European championship group eight qualifier against Scotland.

Prolific young strikers Joonas Kokka of MyPa and Tommi Gronlund of HJK Helsinki were brought in to sharpen the attack, while Haka veteran Ari Heikkinen returned to bolster a defence run ragged in Finland's recent 6-0 trouncing by Russia.

Defender Janne Mäkelä, midfielder Antti Sumiala and forward Petri Heini were the players dropped.

Ajax Amsterdam striker Jari Litmanen, missing from the match against Russia with a knee injury, has recovered and will spearhead the Finnish attack in the match at Hampden Park.

Finland is third in the group with 15 points, two behind Scotland and leader Russia, which has a game in hand. The Scots beat Finland 2-0 when the two countries met in their opening group eight match in Helsinki last September.

Squad:

Goalkeepers - Kari Laukkanen, Petri Jakonen.

Defenders - Rami Nieminen, Erik Holmgren, Ari Heikkinen, Marko Tuomela, Markku Kanerva.

Midfielders - Kim Suominen, Marko Myyry, Janne Lindberg, Petri Järvinen.

Forwards - Joonas Kokka, Tommi Gronlund, Jari Litmanen, Mika-Matti Paatela, Ari Hjelm.

Swiss ace returns

Midfielder Murat Yakin of Swiss champion Grasshoppers Zurich, out with injury for 10 months, was named in the 21-man squad by Switzerland coach Roy Hodgson for the European championship group three qualifier against Sweden in Gothenburg this week.

Yakin, 20, last played in the 4-2 home win over Sweden on October 12.

But defender Thomas Bickel, with Vissel Kobe, has asked to be left out because of the time taken to travel between Japan and Europe.

With Lugano's Christian Colombo replacing Bickel, Hodgson opted to stick to the same players he called up for the 2-0 away win against Iceland on August 16.

Goalkeepers - Marco Pascolo, Pascal Zuberbühler.

Defenders - Harald Gaemperle, Alain Geiger, Stephane Henchoz, Dominique Henn, Marc Hottiger, Ivan Quentin, Pascal Thueler, Ramon Vega, Raphael Wicky.

Midfielders - Christian Colombo, Sébastien Fournier, Christophe Ohrel, Ciri Sforza, Alain Sutter, Murat Yakin, Johann Vogel

Strikers - Marco Grassi, Adrian Knup, Kubilay Tuerkylmaz.

DANES NAME SEVEN FOREIGN-BASED PLAYERS

Danish squad for Group 2 European Championship qualifier against Belgium on tomorrow (September 6) in Brussels announced:

GOALKEEPERS: Peter Schmeichel (Manchester United), Lars Hoegh (OB)

DEFENCE: Jes Hoegh (Fenerbahce), Marc Rieper (West Ham), Jens Risager (Brondby), Jacob Laursen (Silkeborg), Michael Schjønberg (OB), Allan Nielsen (Brondby),

MIDFIELD: Michael Laudrup (Real Madrid), Brian Steen Nielsen (OB), Kim Vilfort (Brondby), Claus Thomsen (Ipswich),

FORWARDS: Mikkel Beck (Cologne), Brian Laudrup (Glasgow Rangers), Peter Rasmussen (AaB), Erik Bo Andersen (AaB).

Israel recalls veteran Rosenthal

Israel national coach Shlomo Scharf last week dropped two Maccabi Tel Aviv stalwarts from the 18-man squad that will travel to Slovakia for the European championship group one qualifier in Kosice tomorrow (September 6).

Announcing his line-up, Scharf gave no reason for axing the two midfielders, Itzik Zohar and Avi Nimni.

But it appeared he was not impressed by their performances in Maccabi Tel Aviv's 1-0 home loss to Grasshoppers Zurich in the European champions' league qualifying round

last week. Among the players called up was veteran Tottenham Hotspur striker Ronny Rosenthal, despite his lack of form and match practice.

Gadi Brumer of Maccabi Tel Aviv and David Amsalem of Betar Jerusalem were recalled in place of Nimni and Zohar.

SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS - Ronnie Ginsburg (Bnei Yehuda), Rafi Cohen (Maccabi Haifa).

DEFENDERS - Felix Halson (Hapoel Haifa), Avishai Janno (Maccabi Haifa), Amir Shalah

(Maccabi Tel Aviv), Nir Klinger (Maccabi Tel Aviv), Alon Harazi (Maccabi Haifa), Moshe Glam (Maccabi Haifa).

MIDFIELDERS - Gadi Brumer (Maccabi Tel Aviv), David Amsalem (Betar Jerusalem), Tal Banin (Hapoel Haifa), Alon Hazan (Maccabi Haifa), Ronnie Levy (Maccabi Haifa), Haim Revivo (Maccabi Haifa), Eyal Berkowitz (Maccabi Haifa).

FORWARDS - Eli Draks (Maccabi Tel Aviv), Ofer Mizrahi (Maccabi Herzliya), Ronny Rosenthal (Tottenham Hotspur).

WELSH SQUAD MINUS SAUNDERS

Welsh striker Dean Saunders of Turkish first division Galatasaray will miss tomorrow's (Wednesday) European championship qualifier against Moldova so he can be with his wife who is expecting their third child. Saunders, formerly with English Premier League clubs Aston Villa and Liverpool, was withdrawn from the Welsh squad last weekend on compassionate grounds.

Manager Bobby Gould is allowing Saunders to stay in Istanbul alongside his wife, with the birth of their third child imminent. "It would be unfair in the circumstances to expect Dean to travel to Cardiff," Gould said. "I feel this is a time when he should be with his family."

The absence of Saunders will mean promotion for either Arsenal's John Hartson or Gareth Taylor of Bristol Rovers, who are both in the Under 21 team which plays today (Tuesday) and on stand-by for the senior squad.

Papin not fit enough for France

French national coach Aimé Jacquet has overlooked Jean-Pierre Papin, back playing for Bayern Munich after almost a year out through injury, for a European Championship Group One qualifying game against Azerbaijan at Auxerre tomorrow (Sept 6).

Jacquet, under fire after his side scrambled to a 1-1 home draw with Poland which jeopardised their chances of qualifying for next year's finals in England, believed Papin was not fully match-fit after such a long absence.

Manchester United forward Eric Cantona is still suspended while defenders Alain Roche (Paris St Germain) and Laurent Blanc (Auxerre) and Nantes forward Nicolas Ouedec are all injured.

However, tough-tackling Monaco

defender Eric Di Meco returns after a one-match suspension.

A good win is essential before France travel to Romania on Oct 11 and entertain Israel on Nov 15.

SQUAD

Bernard Lama (Paris SG), Bruno Martini (Montpellier); Jocelyn Angloma (Torino), Eric Di Meco (Monaco), Franck Leboeuf (Strasbourg), Bixente Lizarazu (Bordeaux), Lilian Thuram (Monaco); Marcel Desailly (AC Milan); Didier Deschamps (Juventus), Vincent Guérin (Paris SG), Christian Karembeu (Sampdoria), Zinedine Zidane (Bordeaux); Christophe Cocard (Auxerre), Youri Djorkaeff (Paris SG), Christophe Dugarry (Bordeaux), David Ginola (Newcastle United), Reynald Pedros (Nantes).

Sweden squad strong on paper



Anders Limpar: Sweden's midfielder.

Swedish squad announced last week for European Championship Group 3 qualifier against Switzerland tomorrow (September 6) at Gothenburg:

GOALKEEPERS: Bengt Andersson (Örgryte), Thomas Ravelli (Gothenburg).

DEFENDERS: Patrik Andersson (Borussia Mönchengladbach), Joachim Boecklund (Vicenza), Pontus Kaemark (Gothenburg), Teddy Lucic (Froelunda), Mikael Nilsson (Gothenburg).

MIDFIELD: Nicias Alexandersson (Halmstad BK), Tomas Brolin (Parma), Magnus Erlingmark (Gothenburg), Niklas Gudmundson (Halmstad BK), Anders Limpar (Everton), Stefan Schwarz (Fiorentina), Jonas Thern (AS Roma).

FORWARDS: Kennet Andersson (Bari), Martin Dahlin (Borussia Mönchengladbach), Henrik Larsson (Feyenoord), Joergen Pettersson (Malmö).

US keeper joins Galatasaray



Brad Friedel: Leaves Brondby for Istanbul.

US international goalkeeper Brad Friedel last weekend became the latest foreigner to join Galatasaray, club officials said.

Friedel, who signed from Danish club Brondby for an undisclosed sum, will be the first American to play in Turkish soccer.

The Istanbul team, managed by Scotsman Graeme Souness, bought Welsh international striker Dean Saunders and Englishmen Barry Venison and Mike Marsh over the summer.

They share first place in the Turkish league after three games.

Bayern firmly in control



Martin Dahlin: Goal in vein.

Bayern Munich kept up its brilliant start to the German season last weekend with its fourth win in four matches.

The latest success was a 2-0 win at local rival 1860 Munich in front of a 70,000 crowd at the Olympic Stadium.

Goals from Christian Ziege in the 74th minute and Christian Nerlinger four minutes from time keep the Bavarian side firmly at the top, already five points clear of the pack.

"If we manage to keep all our players in a good mood, we may do well. If we fail to do that, we will have problems," said Bayern Munich manager Uli Hoeness.

Goalscorer Ziege said it was too early in the season to start "handing out the laurels".

Champion Borussia Dortmund scored its first win of the season with a 2-1 defeat of Borussia Moenchengladbach.

Dortmund trailed 1-0 to a Martin Dahlin 19th minute goal, but fought back in the second half with a Stefan Reuter



Christian Ziege: Scored first goal.

penalty and an 80th minute winner from one of Bundesliga's youngest players, 19-year-old Lars

I WANTED MAN UNITED: GAZZA

England star Paul Gascoigne, who moved to Glasgow Rangers from Lazio of Rome in the off season, said he would like to have joined Manchester United.

Gascoigne, in an interview with former Tottenham Hotspur and England team mate Gary Lineker, said: "There were a couple of teams I fancied in England and I was just sitting waiting.

"Manchester United were one of them. I think it's everybody's dream to play for them. They were the big team I really fancied."

The Newcastle-born star revealed he did not consider a move back to his first club Newcastle United.

"The Chairman (of Newcastle) put some things in the paper I didn't really like and I was upset by it. I thought it was uncalled for," said Gascoigne, who is tipping Newcastle for the Premier League title.

"But then Walter Smith came on. I'd met him on holiday and we had a couple of drinks together. There's nobody in England who could have guaranteed me playing in the Champions' League. For me it's like a mini World Cup."

"At Glasgow Rangers I'm



Paul Gascoigne: British football inferior to Europe.

playing in front of a big crowd every other week — 47,000-plus."

Gascoigne, who cost Rangers \$A8.9 million, is grateful to the Scottish champions for handing him a big stage on which to resurrect his career after an injury-stricken spell in Italy.

"We're definitely behind the Italians," Gascoigne said. "No disrespect to English football, I love it. We've got a lot to learn and as Terry Venables has been there, he's been abroad, and the FA should give him more time to work with the young players."

QUARTER-FINALS DRAW

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

MOTHERWELL	v	ABERDEEN
AERODIONIANS	v	PARTICK
CELTIC	v	RANGERS
DUNDEE	v	HEARTS

Ties to be played on September 18 or 20.

FRENCH CHAMPIONS DOWNED AGAIN

Two goals by international Zinedine Zidane helped Bordeaux crush champion Nantes 3-0 in the French league last Friday.

Bordeaux, whose battles with Nantes were the highlights of French football in the 1970s, went in front thanks to a superb free-kick by Zidane after 31 minutes. They made it 2-0 seven minutes later through Christophe Dugarry.

Perhaps angered by critics after his latest outing with the national team, a dull 1-1 draw last month against Poland, Zidane put the issue beyond doubt with a header 10 minutes from time.

For Nantes, who set a record of 32 unbeaten matches en route to the title last season, it was a second defeat in seven matches since the league restarted last July.

They are a modest seventh in the 20-strong table, six points behind leaders Paris St Germain who beat them 2-1 last month.

Lyon, runner up to Nantes last season, could only manage a 1-1 home draw against Strasbourg in a rearranged game which had been postponed last month to allow Bordeaux and Strasbourg to play Intertoto Cup matches.

Lyon opened the scoring through promising Florian Maurice in the third minute. Strasbourg drew level just before half-time with a powerful volley by gifted Russian Alexander Mostovoi.

Croatian Corner

By John Viskovich

EYES ON BJELOVAC

He's a player who has captured the eyes of big Spanish clubs yet he is only 22 years old and has already played for two years in Spain. His name is Nenad Bješić, a Croatian who plays for relegation battlers Albacete.

Real Madrid, La Caruna and Espanol are the main clubs interested and are all watching his performances closely.

Watch out for him in Spain this season as the striker will have to prove that he is every bit as good as the Spanish papers say he is.

ENGLAND BOUND IGOR

English premier league outfit Middlesbrough have failed to buy Spanish based Davor Šuker but have bought another Croatian striker instead.

He is none other than Igor Cvitanović. The 22 year old has already scored over five goals for the Croatian national team and many people are expecting him to become a very classy striker.

He originally wanted a transfer out of Croatia Zagreb because he and coach Kranjčar did not see eye to eye. After having many offers to join German clubs he liked the offer from Inker because he was the top striker in the league at the time.

Now he is a reserve in a team where he has proven he can score goals too. He scored in many games last season but he can't take the position of Mornar and Rapačić no matter how many goals he scores.

He is in a bad situation at the moment but then again isn't it every players dream in Croatia to play for Hajduk

RJEKA BRING BACK GRACAN

After spending most of the late 80s and early 90s playing in Spain for Real Oviedo, Nenad Gracan is back with his old club Rijeka in Croatia.

His arrival should bring the crowds racing back to watch the player who is call "The God". Although he hasn't played for the last two years many believe that they are seeing the Nenad Gracan of old when he would terrorise great team such as Real Madrid with his blistering free kicks.



Drazen Ladic: Croatia's national team goalkeeper?

READY RESERVE JURČEC

One player who must be wandering what he has to do to make the starting 11 is Renato Jurčec of Hajduk Split. The striker was bought half way through last season from Inker because he was the top striker in the league at the time.

Now he is a reserve in a team where he has proven he can score goals too. He scored in many games last season but he can't take the position of Mornar and Rapačić no matter how many goals he scores.

He is in a bad situation at the moment but then again isn't it every players dream in Croatia to play for Hajduk

VIDUKA v MORNAR

Fans of soccer in Croatia can't wait to see two of the most talked about players clash in the Croatia Zagreb v Hajduk Split match.

Ivica Mornar at 21 is probably the most talked about player in Eastern and Central Europe while Mark Viduka is the

most talked about in Oceania.

Both players are strikers and have a unique quality and both will no doubt make it at a big western European club. The dual is mouthwatering and many Croats can't wait

LADIC v GABRIC

Who will Croatia chose to be the national team goalkeeper for Euro 96?

So far Drazen Ladic of Croatia Zagreb has the upper hand. His performance against Spain where Croatia won 2-0 was brilliant. Ladic saved a penalty a Torpedo of a free-kick and many shots on goal.

On the other hand there is Tonci Gabric of Hajduk Split. In last seasons champions cup match against Benfica he pulled of saves that no other goalkeeper in Europe could.

For now it looks as if Ladic will most likely be the Number 1 while Gabric will challenge to the end.

An outside chance is Tomislav Ivković who has the experience of playing in the World Cup in Italy 1990. Most of his goalkeeping career has been with Sporting Lisbon in Portugal. He is now with Benfica in Portugal and could be called upon as a reserve.

CROATIA DIDN'T NEED WEBER

At 30 years of age Anderlecht striker Josip Weber was given no chance of breaking into the Croatian national team.

Even though he has been the best striker in Belgium for the past five seasons, where he was top goalscorer on three occasions. Croatian selectors never picked him.

With so much talent the striker decided to play for Belgium in the 1994 World Cup and although his performances were good he failed to score when it counted (but he scored nine goals in three friendly matches).

He is known as a great goalscorer and will next season head to England where Chelsea are very keen to sign him after his Anderlecht contract expires. After all in England age is not important.



Josip Weber: Turned his back on Croatia.

Horvat's & Skoko's Hajduk Split



Australia's Steve Horvat (middle row, fifth from right) and Josip Skoko (middle row, second from right) in Hajduk Split's official squad photo.

Upper Row: Dr Fabijan Cukelj, Ivo Cuzzi, Igor Tudor, Mario Bazina, Ivan Cubretović, Sandro Tomic, Ivan Leko, Jurica Vucko, Ivan Juric, Domeniko Sisigoreo, Fredi Fiorentini. Middle Row: Ivica Kalinic, Mladen Pralija, Aljosa Asanovic, Nenad Pralija, Mirsad Hasic, Vlko Lalic, Zoran Slavica, Anthony Gaze Tokpah, Steve Horvat, Darko Jozinovic, Damir Vuica, Josip Skoko, Ivan Katalinic. Lower Row: Josko Bllic, Mass Sarr, Milan Rapaic, Ivica Mornar, Igor Stilic, Tonci Gabric, Darko Butorovic, Renato Jurčec, Mario Mestrovic, Kazimir Vulic.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE



GAUDINO TO MEXICO

German international midfielder Maurizio Gaudino is set to move to Mexican side America on loan from Eintracht Frankfurt, according to club officials.

The 28-year-old Gaudino, who played for England's Manchester City last season after problems with Eintracht's former coach Jupp Heynckes, held talks with the Mexican club at the weekend.

SALZBURG COACH SACKED

Otto Baric has been sacked as coach of Casino Salzburg and been replaced by Hermann Stessl, club president Rudolf Quehenberger announced last week.

The axing of Croatian Baric, 62, came the day after another loss, this time 3-0 against Austria Vienna, at the weekend.

KLINSMANN IN TRAINING

Bayern Munich captain Jürgen Klinsmann started training again last week — earlier than expected.

Bayern officials believe Klinsmann, who partially tore a tendon in his right ankle two weeks ago, could return in the derby against Munich 1860 on September 17.

MATTHAUS TO GO ON

Injured Bayern Munich captain Lothar Matthäus is set to play several more seasons.

"I can well imagine playing for another team when my contract expires in two years," Matthäus said in an interview with German football magazine Kicker.

Matthäus has had two operations on his Achilles tendon and has not played for eight months.

NIGERIA APPOINT MANAGER

Nigeria has named Dutchman Jo Bonfrere as its new manager, according to national football association chairman Emeka Omeruah.

Bonfrere replaced Brazilian Carlos Alberto Torres, who did not start duties after he was appointed.

The association had given Torres a deadline of last week to start work. But Omeruah said that at their

meeting yesterday it was decided it would be a waste of time to wait for the deadline to expire.

"Torres is not keen on working with us. I finally got him on the phone, he said he was sceptical about our keeping to promises," the chairman said.

Bonfrere worked with Nigeria from 1990, assisting former manager and compatriot Clemens Westerhof, until both quit at the end of Westerhof's contract after last year's World Cup finals.

NEUMANN SACKED BOSKAMP RETURNS

Dutch coach Johan Boskamp has returned to Belgian champion Anderlecht to take over from German Herbert Neumann, who was sacked after a disastrous start to the new season.

A drained Boskamp quit Anderlecht at the end of last season after leading Belgium's most



Lothar Matthäus: Bayern Munich captain.

prestigious club to its third league title in three years.

Anderlecht launched the current campaign by losing three of their first

CELTIC CONCERNED FOR THEIR SAFETY

Celtic urged its supporters last week not to book flights for their European Cup Winners' Cup first round first leg tie against Dynamo Batumi because of the civil war and disease currently affecting Georgia.

The Glasgow club is also seeking assurances from UEFA it will have a safe passage to its base in the former Soviet republic.

Celtic spokesman Peter McLean said: "We urge fans not to book travel arrangements until we have discovered what the situation will be."

"Our security director George Douglas is travelling to Georgia to assess the position for himself and we have also had information issued to us from the Foreign Office.

"There is a large number of unlicensed weapons in Georgia as well as a diphtheria

epidemic so we are obviously concerned for our safety," he added.

Civil war has been raging in Georgia since 1991 and the country's leader, Eduard Shevardnadze, was injured in a car bomb explosion in the capital Tbilisi last week.

Celtic's journey for the tie on September 14 will involve flying to Tbilisi then a potentially hazardous six-hour drive to reach the Black Sea resort of Batumi.

But it seems unlikely Celtic will be granted its wish to have the game played in another area or even another country as a UEFA spokesman stated that the area was considered safe.

"A team from Yugoslavia played there last week in the preliminary round and encountered no problems.

"As far as we are concerned, the game will take place as scheduled," the spokesman said.

PLAYERS KILLED BY GOALS

A 32-year-old man, swinging from a soccer crossbar, was crushed to death when the goal structure collapsed on him.

Juan Santa Rosa, of Meigs County, was fatally injured after a game at Athens Regional Park in the United States.

The metal goal, 1.8 metres high and 3.6 metres wide, pulled loose from the earth and tipped over.

"We think that due to the recent rains the anchor pulled loose," a city council spokesman said.

Rosa, who sustained severe chest trauma, died in hospital from internal injuries and bleeding.

There had been signs in English and Spanish at the park warning players not to swing on the goals, but apparently they had been torn down by vandals.

TROUBLE AT MILLWALL

Millwall could be in trouble again after a spanner-throwing incident during last Tuesday night's English first division match at Reading.

The eight-and-a-half inch (22cm) spanner was thrown at home goalkeeper Simon Sheppard, narrowly missing his head.

Sheppard said: "I dread to think what would have happened if it had hit me. I didn't think they did those type of things any more. But they are back to their old tricks," he said.

The incident could be a serious matter for the London club who have a poor crowd record.

They received a suspended sentence from the FA after crowd trouble in a match against Derby at their home ground two seasons ago.

Although a three-point deduction clause has now expired, the possibility of a \$A205,600 fine and playing two matches behind closed doors remains.

Reading police spokesman Glen Henham said today: "The spanner looked brand new and was thrown by Millwall fans behind the Reading goal."

"Video footage just shows an arm in the crowd throwing the spanner and it will be difficult to trace the person responsible."

Millwall won the match 2-1 to go top of the division.

Platt's injury offers Redknapp a chance



Jamie Redknapp: Set for first full cap.

England captain David Platt is to undergo surgery later this week to repair a torn cartilage in his right knee.

Platt will miss England's friendly international against Colombia at Wembley tomorrow (Wednesday) as well as a minimum of two premier league games for Arsenal. Arsenal manager Bruce Rioch revealed Platt's injury after the midfielder scored a sensational goal in the 1-1 league draw against Nottingham Forest at Highbury last Tuesday.

"He had a scan on his right knee on Sunday (August 27) when the tear was discovered. We were given the go-ahead by the specialist to play him (August 29) and although we were assured it could not do him further damage it is clear now he needs the surgery and we've got to look after our players."

(See Page 31 for more news on the England team)

NEWS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

Millwall lead by three points

Veteran Kerry Dixon fired Millwall to a rare victory at Portsmouth last weekend as they extended their lead at the top of the First Division.

The former Chelsea and England striker's goal was enough to give the first division leaders a 1-0 win — only their second victory in 16 visits to Fratton Park.

Dixon's 17th minute strike — his third of the campaign — gave Millwall their third successive away victory to extend their advantage over the chasing clubs to three points.

But Barnsley slipped from second spot when they crashed to an astonishing 5-0 home defeat by Birmingham after 'keeper David Watson was sent off for a professional foul.

Watson was given his marching orders after pulling down striker Steve Claridge. Jonathan Hunt, who netted a hat-trick last week, converted the 55th minute spot kick to take his season's tally to five.

Claridge scored five minutes later before

Birmingham ran riot in the closing stages.

Barnsley's first defeat at Oakwell cost them second place, though Millwall will note that among the posse of clubs chasing them on 10 points are three of last season's relegated sides.

Alex Mathie grabbed a hat-trick as Ipswich crushed Sunderland 3-0 at Portman Road. The striker netted twice in six first-half minutes before completing a rare treble for the Norfolk team soon after the break.

Fellow East Anglian outfit Norwich overcame Port Vale 2-1 at Carrow Road with former goal ace Robert Fleck, on loan from Chelsea, on the scoresheet.

Mike Whitlow's 27th minute header was enough to give Leicester a hard-fought victory in the game of the day against Midlands rivals Wolves at Filbert Street.

Charlton are also among the clubs on 10 points following a 2-0 home win over Huddersfield with efforts in each half from Shaun Newton and a maiden league goal from Jamie

Stuart.

Barnsley's misery was completed in injury time when Charlie Bishop became their second player to be sent off — this time for deliberate handball.

Strugglers Derby celebrated their first win of the season — a 2-1 victory at Luton — despite falling behind to the quickest goal of the afternoon when Dwight Marshall netted after 31 seconds.

But Dean Sturridge clinched three much-needed points with a first half equaliser before hitting the winner at Kenilworth Road just past the hour.

Bottom club Sheffield United's misery continued as they slumped to a fifth successive defeat — their worst-ever start to the season — as West Brom ran out easy 3-1 winners at The Hawthorns.

Stoke's poor start also continued as a Vince Overson own goal gave visitors Oldham victory while in the other first division game Grimsby were held goalless by Watford.

Northern Ireland gain brave draw in Portugal

An excellent performance by goalkeeper Alan Fettis helped depleted Northern Ireland to a 1-1 draw against group leaders Portugal in a European championship qualifier last week.

Portugal are top of group six with 19 points from eight games, five points ahead of Ireland, who have a game in hand. Austria are third, with Northern Ireland fourth, eight points behind Portugal.

Portugal, supported by a noisy 40,000-strong crowd, created several chances but Fettis denied them until the 47th minute when striker Domingos Oliveira scored with a volley inside the box after a neat pass from Luis Figo.

Northern Ireland, hampered by the absence

of injured Gerry Taggart, Darren Patterson and Neil Masters, conceded 24 corners but defended bravely.

Striker Michael Hughes equalised for Northern Ireland in the 65th minute from a free-kick after he had been fouled outside the area by defender Fernando Couto.

Jim Magilton touched the ball to Hughes who unleashed a powerful shot which left Portugal goalkeeper Vitor Baia no chance.

Fettis made his most spectacular save in the 75th minute when he dived at Oliveira's feet as he was lining himself up for a second goal.

PORTUGAL: 1-Vitor Baia, 2-Carlos Secretario, 3-Jorge Costa (14-Rui Barros, 73rd minute), 4-Oceano Cruz, 5-Fernando Couto, 6-Paulo Sousa, 7-



Fernando Couto: His foul cost win.

Luis Figo, 8-Paulinho	Worthington, 4-Barry
Santos, 9-Domingos	Hunter, 5-Colin Hill, 6-
Olivera, 10-Rui Costa (16-	Steve Lomas, 7-Keith
Paulo Alves, 82nd), 11-	Gillespie, 8-Jim Magilton
Antonio Folha.	(14-Keith Rowland, 78th),
NORTHERN IRELAND: 9-Iain Dowie (15-Phil Gray,	
1-Alan Fettis, 2-Steve	76th), 10-Neil Lennon, 11-
Morrow, 3-Nigel	Michael Hughes.

TABLE

Bayern Munich	4	4	0	0	13	4	12
St Pauli	4	2	1	1	8	5	7
Hansa Rostock	4	2	1	1	9	7	7
Borussia M'gladbach	4	2	1	1	5	3	7
VfB Stuttgart	4	1	3	0	5	3	6
Bayer Leverkusen	4	1	3	0	4	3	6
Uerdingen	4	1	2	1	4	3	5
Eintracht Frankfurt	4	1	2	1	7	7	5
Borussia Dortmund	4	1	2	1	6	6	5
Kaiserslautern	4	1	2	1	5	6	5
Schalke	4	1	2	1	4	5	5
Werder Bremen	4	1	2	1	5	7	5
Fortuna Duesseldorf	4	0	4	0	5	5	4
Cologne	4	1	1	2	4	5	4
Karlsruhe	4	1	1	2	5	9	4
Freiburg	4	1	0	3	3	6	3
SV Hamburg	4	0	2	2	8	10	2
1860 Munich	4	0	1	5	5	11	1

GERMAN CUP FIRST ROUND

— September 2 —

Bayer Leverkusen	...1	FC St. Pauli	....1
TSV 1860 Mnchen	....0	Bayern Muenchen	...0
SC Freiburg	....2	Eintracht Frankfurt	..0
Fortuna Duesseldorf	..2	FC Hansa Rostock	2
1. FC Kaiserslautern	..1	VfB Stuttgart	....1
KFC Uerdingen	....3	Werder Bremen	....0
Hamburger SV	....1	Schalke 04	....1

SWISS CHAMPIONSHIP

— August 30 —

Lausanne	....1	Grasshopper Zurich	2
St Gallen	....1	Neuchatel Xamax	....1
Young Boys	....0	Lucerne	....4
FC Zurich	....2	Servette	....1
Lugano	....1	Sion	....3
Aarau	....2	Basle	....0

TABLE

Sion	8	6	0	2	11	8	18
Grasshopper	6	4	1	1	13	5	13
St Gallen	8	3	4	1	13	6	13
Neuchatel	8	4	1	3	13	9	15
Basle	8	4	1	3	10	8	13
Lucerne	8	4	1	3	13	12	13
Servette	8	2	3	3	12	10	9
Lausanne	8	2	3	3	10	8	9
Young Boys	8	2	3	3	6	11	9
Lugano	7	2	1	4	7	13	7
Aarau	7	2	1	4	7	11	7
FC Zurich	8	1	1	6	4	18	4

DUTCH FIRST DIVISION

— August 29 —

Heerenveen1	Groningen0
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TABLE

Heerenveen	3	2	1	0	5	3	7
Ajax Amsterdam	2	2	0	0	10	0	6
Willem II Tilburg	2	2	0	0	8	0	6
Feyenoord Rotterdam	2	1	1	0	7	4	4
NAC Breda	2	1	1	0	5	2	4
Twente Enschede	2	1	1	0	5	3	4
Groningen	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
PSV Eindhoven	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Sparta Rotterdam	2	1	0	1	4	7	3
NEC Nijmegen	2	1	0	1	3	8	3
Roda JC Kerkrade	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
RKC Waalwijk	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Volendam	2	0	1	1	3	5	1
G.A. Eagles Deventer	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Vitesse Arnhem	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
Utrecht	2	0	1	1	2	6	1
De Graafschap Doet.	2	0	0	2	3	7	0
Fortuna Sittard	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

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1961	PENAROL (Uruguay)	1979	OLIMPIA (Paraguay)
1962	SANTOS (Brazil)	1980	NACIONAL (Uruguay)
1963	SANTOS (Brazil)	1981	FLAMENGO (Brazil)
1964	INDEPENDIENTE (Argentina)	1982	PENAROL (Uruguay)
1965	INDEPENDIENTE (Argentina)	1983	GREMIO (Brazil)
1966	PENAROL (Uruguay)	1984	INDEPENDIENTE (Argentina)
1967	RACING CLUB (Argentina)	1985	ARGENTINOS JUNIORS (Argentina)
1968	ESTUDIANTES DE L.P. (Argentina)	1986	RIVER PLATE (Argentina)
1969	ESTUDIANTES DE L.P. (Argentina)	1987	PENAROL (Uruguay)
1970	ESTUDIANTES DE L.P. (Argentina)	1988	NACIONAL (Uruguay)
1971	NACIONAL (Uruguay)	1989	ATL. NACIONAL (Colombia)
1972	INDEPENDIENTE (Argentina)	1990	OLIMPIA (Paraguay)
1973	INDEPENDIENTE (Argentina)	1991	COLO COLO (Chile)
1974	INDEPENDIENTE (Argentina)	1992	SAN PABLO (Brazil)
1975	INDEPENDIENTE (Argentina)	1993	SAN PABLO (Brazil)
1976	CRUZEIRO (Brazil)	1994	VELEZ SARSFIELD (Argentina)
1977	BOCA JUNIORS (Argentina)	1995	GREMIO (Brazil)

Gremio victorious

Brazilian club Gremio won the Copa Libertadores for the first time in 12 years when it successfully defended a 3-1 advantage in the return match of this year's final against Nacional of Colombia last week.

An 86th minute penalty by Dinho cancelled out Victor Aristizabal's 13th minute strike for the Colombians who had needed to win by two clear goals to force a replay after losing 3-1 in Porto Alegre.

Aristizabal clapped over Gremio goalkeeper Daniele for his seventh goal of the series to give Nacional a good start but it failed to carve another opening out of a well-organised Gremio defence.

The Brazilians wiped out any remaining hopes for Nacional when Dinho sent Colombian goalkeeper Rene Higuita the wrong way from the penalty spot.

Chilean referee Salvatore Imperatore awarded the kick when Luis Fernando Herrera handled Alexandre's cross in the box.

Gremio had Goiano sent off three minutes from time for his second bookable offence and had another seven men cautioned. Nacional had four men booked in a tense match.

Gremio won eight, drew four and lost two of its 14 games in this year's competition.

It went on to win the

Intercontinental Cup after its last triumph in 1983.

NACIONAL, COLOMBIA 1 (Aristizabal 13) drew with Gremio, BRAZIL 1 (Dinho 86pen)

Gremio won 4-2 on aggregate.

NACIONAL: Rene Higuita; Jose Fernando Santa (Luis Fernando Herrera 58), Victor Marulanda, Francisco Foronda, Francisco Mosquera (Jaime Pabon 84); Carlos Gutierrez, Mauricio Serna, Alexis Garcia, Jimmy Arango (William Matamba 58); Juan Pablo Angel, Victor Aristizabal

GREMIO: Daniele, Francisco Arce, Catalino Rivarola, Adilson (Luciano 70), Roger, Carlos Miguel, Dinho, Goiano (sent off 87), Arilson; Paulo Nunes (Alexandre 64), Jardel (Nildo 84)

Referee: Salvatore Imperatore (Chile)

Crowd: 55,000

Colombia squad to play England

The Colombian squad has been announced for the game against England at Wembley on September 6.

It is their first meeting since the 1-1 draw at Wembley in 1988. The Colombian scorer on that occasion was Andres Escobar, who was murdered in Medellin after last year's World Cup.

His own goal in the game with host nation United States effectively eliminated Colombia from the World Cup.

Goalkeepers: Rene Higuita, Calixto Chiquito.

Defenders: Jose Fernando Santa, Gerson Gonzalez, Wilson Perez, Jorge Bermudez, Faud Maziri, Alexis Mendoza.

Midfield: Herman Gaviria, Leonel Alvarez, Harold Lozano, Freddy Rincon, Carlos Valderrama, Luis Quinones.

Forwards: Faustino Asprilla, Fredy Leon, Ivan Rene Valenciano

SUPER CUP '95

The 8th edition of the Supercup (Joao Havelange Cup), a competition reserved for past winners of the Libertadores Cup, will kick-off on September 13 with the participation of teams, seven from Argentina, five from Brazil, two from Uruguay and one each from Colombia, Paraguay and Chile.

Current champion, Independiente of Argentina will face Santos of

Brazil in the opening round of the second most important tournament at club level in South America.

The other qualifying matches are: Argentinos Juniors (Argentina) vs Atletico Nacional (Colombia); Racing Club (Argentina) vs Gremio (Brazil); Penarol (Uruguay) vs River Plate (Argentina); Cruzeiro (Brazil) vs Colo Colo (Chile); Velez Sarsfield (Argentina) vs Flamengo (Brazil).

Estudiantes of La Plata (Argentina) vs Nacional (Uruguay).

The other three teams, Sao Paulo of Brazil, Olimpia of Paraguay and Boca Juniors of Argentina, will be included in one group, the winner will move forward to the second round. The first match will be between Sao Paulo and Olimpia.

The teams mentioned in first place will play at home the first game and away the second, on October 4.

The quarter finals will be played on October 18 and 25, the semi-finals

on November 1 and 8, and the finals on November 22 and 29.

Velez Sarsfield of Argentina makes its debut in the competition while Independiente, Racing Club, Estudiantes of La Plata, Boca Juniors, Argentinos Juniors and River Plate of Argentina, Penarol and Nacional of Uruguay; Santos, Cruzeiro, Flamengo and Gremio of Brazil, and Olimpia of Paraguay have all taken part in the previous eight editions of the Cup.

RESULTS & TABLES

MEXICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

— August 28 —

		TABLE					
Parana	3	3	0	0	5	1	9
Botafogo	3	2	1	0	8	4	7
Palmeiras	3	2	0	1	5	1	6
Cruzeiro	2	1	1	0	2	0	4
Flamengo	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Guarani	3	1	0	2	3	7	3
Vitoria	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Juventude	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Paysandu	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Gremio	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Bragantino	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Corinthians	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

GROUP B

Fluminense	3	3	0	0	5	1	9
Portuguesa	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Vasco Gama	1	0	0	5	3	3	
Sport Recife	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Internacional	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Sao Paulo	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Atletico Min.	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Bahia	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Ceara	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Santos	2	0	1	1	4	6	1
U. Sao Joao	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

Note: Winners of each group in the first stage and winners of each group in the second stage qualify for the semi-finals.

BRAZILIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

— August 28 —

First stage

GROUP A

Botafogo	3	3	0	1	5	1	9
Guarani	1	0	1	0	2	1	1
Corinthians	0	2	1	1	3	7	3
Flamengo	2	2	1	0	5	3	3
Bragantino	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Parana	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Paysandu	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Vitoria	1	0	1	0	1	1	1

GROUP B

Bahia	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Internacional	2	2	1	0	5	3	3
Portuguese	2	2	1	0	5	3	3
Santos	3	3	0	1	5	1	9
Sao Paulo	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
At. Mineiro	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
União São Paulo	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Fluminense	3	3	0	1	5	1	9

CHINESE PLAYER FOR PENAROL

Hao Haidong is set to become the first Chinese soccer player to join a top overseas club by signing for Uruguayan side Penarol.

The Chinese Football Association confirmed last week it had agreed a transfer request by Penarol.

"Hao is a member of the Army side and it's now a matter for the two clubs," said the official who refused to reveal the transfer fee.

Penarol spotted Hao on their recent Chinese tour when they drew 0-0 and then lost 3-2 to the Chinese national side

Ferguson second hernia operation

Everton striker Duncan Ferguson could be out for the rest of the year following a second hernia operation.

The surgery is likely to rule out the powerful 23-year-old for six to eight weeks, which will take him up to the time of a court appeal over an on-field incident.

In May, Ferguson was given a three-month jail sentence for head-butting an opponent, but released on bail pending the appeal.

The former Dundee United and Rangers player, a \$A5.32 million signing by Everton last September, also has a suspended 11-match ban hanging over him.

Ferguson, who has scored eight goals in 30 games for Everton, helped them beat Manchester United in the FA Cup last season, but then had to have surgery for a double hernia.

Everton manager Joe Royle said: "Duncan underwent exploratory surgery which revealed excessive scar tissue and another small hernia, which has been repaired.

"It's daunting for Duncan but good that we've identified the problem. I'm sure he'll be happier in his own mind to know that it's finally been sorted out."



Duncan Ferguson: Everton's expensive signing.

Stan Collymore: Liverpool's record signing.

Collymore on injured list

Stan Collymore, Liverpool's \$A17.5 million striker, withdrew last week from Terry Venables' England squad for tomorrow's (Wednesday) friendly against Colombia at Wembley.

Collymore, who was injured in the second Premiership game of the season against Leeds, has dropped out because his damaged ankle is still giving him problems.

Venables has not yet called up a replacement, although a leading candidate would be Newcastle's \$A12.4 million signing Les Ferdinand, who scored his fourth goal of the season in the 1-0 home win over Middlesbrough last week.

Earlier in the week England captain David Platt withdrew from the 23-man squad when it was revealed he needed surgery for a torn cartilage in his right knee.

The Arsenal midfielder was due to have the operation last Thursday.

(See pages 23 and 31 for more reports about the England team)

CELTIC SCRAPE HOME

Substitute Simon Donnelly scored a dramatic last-gasp winner at Parkhead to put Scotland's Celtic through to the fourth round of Scotland's Coca-Cola Cup last Thursday.

Donnelly pounced from six yards to fire home after Raith goalkeeper Scott Thomson had parried a shot from Phil O'Donnell.

The goal spared Celtic a possible repeat of last season's final misery, when it lost out to the Kircaldy outfit in a penalty shoot-out.

But it was rough justice on Raith, who had made life difficult for Celtic throughout the match, which was level at 1-

1 after 90 minutes. Thomson had produced a string of saves to keep the home side at bay and disappoint Pierre Van Hooydonk, John Collins and Andy Walker.

Raith defender Jim McNally was forced to clear off his own line as early as the eighth minute but it wasn't until the 52nd that Celtic eventually found their way to goal.

Van Hooydonk made the breakthrough, firing home a free-kick from 25 yards off the underside of the bar. Raith responded in similar style after 77 minutes through Trinidadian striker Tony Rouquerol.



John Collins: Could not beat Raith goalkeeper Scott Thomson.

Sugar under pressure, states Klinsmann

Tottenham chairman Alan Sugar got shirty over Jurgen Klinsmann again on television last week.

Sugar has been involved in a war of words with Klinsmann ever since the German international striker insisted on an invoking clause in his White Hart Lane contract at the end of last season.

Their soured relationship reached a new low last night in front of BBC Sportsnight television cameras.

In the middle of an interview Sugar produced a Tottenham shirt signed by Klinsmann and said: "I wouldn't wash my car with it now."

Then he theatrically tossed the shirt aside and said: "There you are, you can have it if you want it."

Tottenham have never recovered from the morale-shattering blow of losing Klinsmann to Bayern Munich and Sugar still clearly holds him responsible for the club's current plight.

After drawing at West Ham last week, Spurs are still awaiting their first win of the season and were briefly bottom of the table before they battled to a 1-1 draw.

Klinsmann's successor Chris Armstrong is clearly finding it difficult to adapt to his new surroundings.

Armstrong scored only eight League goals for Crystal Palace last season and his move to Tottenham has produced a zero return so far.

Manager Gerry Francis conceded: "Jurgen is irreplaceable. There would have been pressure on anyone coming



Alan Sugar: Spurs chairman.

in for him unless someone like Pele made a comeback. Chris is having to deal with unprecedented pressure.

"He could have won it for us at Upton Park and badly needs a goal. Confidence is a big factor in football and he is still feeling his way. He hasn't even played a full match with Sol Campbell or Darren Anderton yet."

Despite Tottenham's problems Francis managed to joke: "Having drawn with West Ham I am on the crest of a crisis."

Francis accepts he needs new blood and plans a signing before the next match against Leeds.

BRIBERY ALLEGATIONS IN BUNDESLIGA

Former international goalkeeper Uli Stein has given German chiefs specific details about the cash he alleges he was offered to fix a key league match in the Bundesliga's first major bribery scandal for nearly 25 years.

In a private hearing with the German soccer federation (DFB) last week, Stein named the officials who allegedly offered him money to lose a match during the climax to the 1987 season when he was playing for Hamburg.

The 40-year-old Stein, whose career has been packed with controversy, caused a major stir last week when he told a magazine that first division side Kaiserslautern offered him the bribe. The DFB immediately launched an investigation.

After an 80-minute hearing, DFB official Horst Hilpert said: "Stein has named names and given figures."

Stein, who now plays for second division Arminia Bielefeld, refused to comment on the hearing.

He has alleged he was offered money by Kaiserslautern who needed to beat Hamburg to snatch a place in the UEFA Cup from Bayer Leverkusen. Although Stein turned down the offer and Hamburg won the game 4-0, his allegations mark the first major bribery case to hit the German game since 1971 when more than 50 players, two coaches and six club officials were punished for fixing games.

"We need to cast some light on this case as soon as possible since football's image is at stake," said Hilpert, adding that Kaiserslautern officials may be called to appear before the DFB.

Kaiserslautern officials have denied the allegations. Juergen Friedrich, who was club chairman at the time of the alleged bribery, said they were completely untrue.

"The comments are absolute rubbish. It is just stupid chat to try and improve his profile," he said. "Stein's mouth has to be shut."

Stein's bribery accusations come at the end of a career which has been dominated by scandals.

The goalkeeper was sent home from the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico after he called coach Franz Beckenbauer a "lightweight".

Last year he was sacked by Eintracht Frankfurt after swearing at team mates during training and damaging morale.

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Rumour has it of a brand new machine coming onto the market that is being endorsed by some very big names indeed.

From all accounts it can be used for soccer, cricket and further down the track there will be an "add on" section for use as a golf swing trainer.

All I can say at this stage is that it is an Australian produced item and made by an Australian company which should be on the market in the next few weeks.

It can be used by teams or solo and is breaking new ground in training techniques from what I hear. Obviously we have secured a saving for AFSA members but would you expect anything else? Stay tuned for more details and watch out for the name "Multi Trainer".

Seems like we've unwittingly unleashed a "joke telling monster" in the shape of Micky Lyon (former Everton player and now coach of the Canberra Cosmos) after he gave me "a bell" and told me this apparently true story that appeared in the Liverpool Echo:

A Newcastle fan at the start of last season was surprised to find that the two seats next to him were empty for the opening home match as tickets were as rare as hens teeth last term. The seats remained empty for the next home match and the one after that too and the lad became very annoyed because he had friends who couldn't get tickets yet these two seats were empty yet again. September came and went and still the side is winning it's games and

Rumours, joke-telling monsters,



Rale Rasic: Coaching clinics.

the lad becomes increasingly incensed that the seats remain unfilled. October, November — the same scenario!

The lad went to the ticket office to complain and asked if the seats could be sold to his friends instead of remaining empty at each and every game but the reply came. "Sorry son, those tickets have been sold to season ticket

holders and we cannot resell them." Off went the lad very frustrated.

December rolled on and finally January came and at the first home game of the year appeared a man and his son in the two seats beside the lad.

"Where have you been since the start of the season," he said, "we've won most of the games and you've not appeared

once when others couldn't get tickets, what's the story?"

"It's that stupid woman I'm married to" came the weary replay, "the silly cow bought us these tickets at the start of the season and decided to give them to us as Christmas presents!"

Not sure if it's true but a good story anyway and as the saying goes: truth is stranger than fiction or should that read. There's nowt so queer as folk? Cheers Mick but don't give up the day job mate.

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A series of coaching clinics will be held at the following places (from September 25 to 29 inclusive). Pittwater, Liverpool, Wetherill Park, North Rocks, Wollongong, Central Coast and (from 3rd October to 6th October inclusive) Camden, Cardiff, Killarney Vale, Doyalson-Wye. These are being run by the "Rale Rasic International Academy of Soccer" for boys and girls aged 6-16.

Most are morning or afternoon sessions so that the more advanced among us receive higher training of course and so no-one feels left behind with any of the exercises.

Cost is \$85 for the course (1 coach per 15 or so players) and apart from the training you will receive a t-shirt and certificate of membership too. Once again AFSA



Joan Havelange: Beautiful "soccer punch".

members will receive a discount but you will need to book at least one week in advance and quote your membership number (which will be checked with us).

Alternatively, we have arranged for "non-members" to pay the full price for the course but receive a discounted price if they join AFSA at that

time. It pays to belong and sooner or later you lot out there will realise why.

Contact us at the usual address for more details and we'll pass on the relevant details of your nearest camp etc.

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It seems Len has been released from the asylum once

FLANZINI'S REVENGE

GETTING STARTED IN SOCCER

BY GORDON STRACHAN

Of all the players ever to come out of Scotland, Gordon Strachan must rate up there with the best of them and this book does the same. It's an excellent combination of text, suggestions and photographs that help to explain the finer points of the game and help you learn a few basic and advanced techniques both simply and easily.

As is ever the case with Gordon, he makes the difficult look easy and the impossible happen with style and this translates to the page with all of the grace and consummate ease he showed as a player.

Having played for Aberdeen, Scotland, Man Utd, Leeds and now at Coventry, he has always been the master of the feint, chop

shot, short sharp passing and generally making a nuisance of himself on the pitch and in this publication he shows you how he did it.

In fact this book is a brilliant example of a master craftsman passing on his wealth of experience but in such a way as anyone can understand even the complex but it's the simple things in the game that are important.

The exercises are simple to do and fun to try and designed so that they can be done in the backyard with friends or by yourself if you're not so confident. As Gordon states in his introduction: "We learnt to play in the streets and the fitter ones will always shine through but a lot of kids today are 'over' coached and don't learn the basics". What we have here is something that will teach you a lot more than just that with the added bonus of being able to do it all by yourself without the overbearing coach breathing down your neck.

This really is an excellent teaching aid and is written by one of the great players in the game and certainly one of life's true

gentlemen.

Probably the book will not turn you into the attacking midfield rover in the same mould as Gordon Strachan but when he was cast they broke that particular mould but what it will do is improve your game to your own standards. If you want to be the best you can be in the real "footballing" code, this will help you to achieve that.

Areas covered include Kicking the ball, Passing, First Touch, Playing in Attack, Shooting, Dribbling and Close Control, Beating your Opponent, Playing in Midfield, Advanced Shooting Skills, Crossing the Ball, heading the Ball, Tackling and Winning the Ball, Closing Down your Opponent, Throw-ins, Taking Penalties, Free Kicks, Corners, Defence and much, much more but if this does not cover the entire spectrum of the game, I'm not really quite sure what will?

Available at all good bookshops and retailers at just \$14.95 rrp. Definitely well recommended with easy paced dialogue that makes it a joy to read.

SCORE! SOCCER TACTICS & TECHNIQUES FOR A BETTER OFFENSE

BY WIEL COERVER
WITH ALFRED GALUSTIAN

Another book on how to play the game better and co-written by Wiel Coerver who is recognised in many eyes as the man who thought up the idea of "TOR" or "total football" that put Holland on the world map in the 70s. Sometimes dire to watch but the moments of pure magic were quite spectacular to behold.

Larger than the Gordon Strachan book and covering the "attack" more so than the defending side of the game, it contains many photos showing style and techniques — especially "one-on-one" situations. In his opening remarks, Wiel Coerver states

"In the 1970s, I decided to look into the different skill-development programs for young players around the world.

I found that the majority of programs and methods were tactics-based, with little emphasis on individual improvement.

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Wiel Coerver is reknowned

for his "Coerver method" and indeed has a few videos out on the subject involving some of the players from around the world. A respected and highly thought off training campion for those who want to do better.

Once again this book is available from all good book shops (if you cannot find it, ask them to contact "Capricorn Link") at a cost of \$24.95 rrp. Both books represent excellent value and the contents will help you to achieve the best you can but there are no guarantees of course.

No-one can honestly state that "if you read this book etc" but the exercises are easy to follow and will help if you remember that main point: Practice makes perfect.

It takes an awful lot of this to reach the top but at least these two books will start you off in the right direction, the rest is up to you.

Right then, I'm off for a quick practice myself in time for my next over 60s match, they'll not stop me now...?

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clinics, Lennart and the asylum

more! Lennart Johansson has presented his view (sorry, UEFA's view) of the future to FIFA in the form of "Strategy Documents" called "Vision 1" and "Vision 2". The reasoning behind it all is the apparent lack of funds procured by FIFA during the World Cup USA '94 campaign which they feel should be coining in as much as the Olympics every four years. Johansson reckons that because five of the six Confederations were present at a recent meeting (5th American C O N M E B O C Confederation were missing), he has their backing but there is no firm evidence of this at all.

In a rematch of the title fight last year when Lennie and the boys attempted to oust Joao Havelange but were thwarted when "Jokey Joe" eventually offered an extra eight places for the 1998 World Cup Finals to be held in France (a beautiful "sucker punch" that UEFA walked straight onto).

With this attack staved

off for a while, Havelange no doubt thought it safe to continue as before but "Loony" is having none of this. Indeed, visions from the "We love Len party" (Sorry, UEFA) want the FIFA President elected every four years but this idea has since been dropped as it appears a "non starter".

However, should UEFA get the backing and force the changes envisaged, what would it mean?

Basically FIFA would only be responsible for organising the World Cup Finals, Women's and Youth World Cup Tournaments plus 5-a-side matches after 1998. So where does this leave the average football punter?

A On the one hand we have a man who advocated "bigger goals" to be used at USA '94 to appease the American appetite for "high scoring games" when the sport is good enough for the rest of the world as it is. He also advocated the trialling of the infamous "kick-in" in the smaller leagues of Europe and is known to want to tamper with other areas of the game.

B? On the other side of the coin we have a



Lennart Johansson:
"Strategy Documents":

gentleman who hands out places in the world's largest single sports classic because he wants to keep his spot. "Selling your soul" springs to mind.

There can be no doubt that the game has taken great strides in the last 20 years or so but it appears that "egos" have taken control of senses in this matter. Expect round two of this bout to begin shortly and lets hope that while the heavyweights "slug it out", the ringside staff are looking to the future and that someone has time to administer the game?

A little competition for you all and the prize will be a copy of the superb Celtic/Man Utd fanzine OUR DAY WILL COME plus a copy of the anti-racist fanzine UNITED COLOURS OF FOOTBALL.

The editor has kindly sent over a number of copies which we will give away to the first 10 people who sign up with AFSA from this time on or send in their thoughts

as to the state of Australian football and what you would do to put it right. Simple enough so get cracking.

We can now offer you the following items (AFSA discounts apply on these prices): T-Shirts — UEFA Euro 96 \$36.95 Newcastle Utd & Portsmouth (both by Asics) \$34.94 each.

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CLUB DIARY

VICTORIA: "True Blues" (Glasgow Rangers) will meet at the Waverley City Soccer Club on September 8th 1995. For more information please call Alan Roberts on (03) 763 6653.

UK CUP: Any club wishing to enter this competition can contact Peter Hart on (03) 9584 1797 or Norm Wilcock on (03) 901 2312, Mobile 018 038 345. Held every year at the Waverley City Soccer club and sponsored by Balfour and the Baywater Indoor Soccer, the annual event is aimed at fun and games. This year will see extra amusements for the kiddies and the draw for the opening matches takes place on Friday 13th September in the clubhouse.

Any supporters clubs in the Melbourne district should get along and join in the fun as some of the proceeds go to charity also.

QUEENSLAND: A football "day out" will be held at the Queens Park, Townsville, North Ward on Sunday 10th September 1995 from 11am onwards. For more details of the fun and games please contact Juanita St John on 077 892 580.

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Hillsborough hosted four World Cup games including the West Germany versus Uruguay quarter final. Wednesday had remained in Division One during this time but in 1970 they came last and were relegated.

In 1975 things got even worse for the club when they finished last in Division Two. The following season they finished 20th in Division Three just a point higher than Aldershot, who were relegated.

In 1980 Wednesday were the third team promoted to Division Two and in 1984 won promotion back to Division One. They had finished equal on points with Chelsea, but the London club took out first place in Division Two on goal difference.

1989 saw the club relegated back to Division Two. They won Division Two in 1958/59 with the side scoring a total of 106 league goals. In 1961 they were runners-up to Spurs in Division One. In 1966

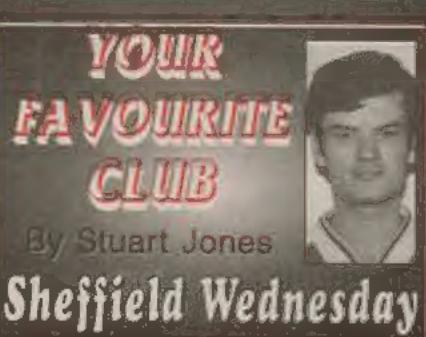
The following year Wednesday came third to return to the top flight. In 1990/91 Wednesday also won the League Cup for the first time. In 1991/92 Wednesday came third in division One. In 1992/93 they lost both domestic cup finals to Arsenal.

They also made the semi-finals of the 1994 League Cup. In 1994/95 Wednesday started poorly but put together a good run of results to well and truly avoid relegation trouble.

Sheffield Wednesday have played in two European campaigns, both in the early 1960s. Hillsborough is a great European stadium, but it is now remembered for the disaster which occurred in it in 1989.

Let us hope that all concerned have learnt the lessons of that day. Hillsborough's current capacity is 36,020, all seater. Wednesday are a big club, their fans hope the club's results continue to reflect this.

THE OWLS IN PERSPECTIVE



Wednesday cricket club has existed since 1816 but the football club was founded in 1867, the fifth oldest in England. Members used to play on their half day holiday which was on Wednesday (that is where the name came from).

By 1887 the club had had six home grounds. They played at Olive Grove from September 1887 until September 1899.

The Football League did not accept The Wednesday, they became Sheffield Wednesday in 1929, until 1893, when they were elected straight into Division One. They were a mid-table side and their first major success came in the FA Cup of 1896. That year 50,000 spectators saw Wednesday beat Wolves 2-1 in the FA Cup Final.

The Wednesday were relegated after finishing last in 1899 but bounced straight back up by winning Division Two the following season. 1899 had seen Wednesday move out to Owlerton, which was not really in the township of Sheffield (although it is today).

It was a risk but it was to work. In 1914 Owlerton was placed in the constituency of Hillsborough so the ground had its name changed to that.

In 1912/13 Wednesday finished third in Division One, recovering from a poor start which included a 0-10 loss to Aston Villa. The club remained in the top flight until coming last in the first season after WWI.

The side had mid-table finishes until they won Division Two by three points in 1926. In 1927/28 the club had finished eighth places off relegation. Yet only a point separated

Tottenham, who were relegated, and Wednesday. A 2-0 last day victory over Aston Villa enough to keep them up.

1928/29 saw another tight race, this time for top spot, but Wednesday had clinched the title before the last game so their 1-4 loss, and Leicester's 6-1 win did not affect the top position.

Again Wednesday successfully defended their Division One title the following season. In the 1930/31 season they defeated Birmingham 9-1 in one game but ended up finishing third, as they would in 1931/32, 32/33 and 34/35.

In 1935 the Owls once again qualified for the FA Cup final.

They defeated WBA 4-2 to take the cup. It had only been the previous FA Cup campaign that 72,841 people went to Hillsborough to watch Wednesday draw 2-2 with the eventual cup winners Manchester City.

1937 saw the Sheffield side come last and they remained in Division Two until after WWI. In a game against Norwich in 1938 Douglas Hunt scored six of

'6 FROM 38 POOLS'

THE
POOLS

THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST

WEEK 528

SAT. 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1995

ENGLISH PREMIER DIVISION		BLACKTOWN	ASTON VILLA	1
BOLTON	MIDDLESBRO	2		
COVENTRY	NOTTINGHAM F.	3		
EVERTON	MAN. UTD	4		
QPR	SHEFF. WED	5		
SOUTHAMPTON	NEWCASTLE	6		
TOTTENHAM	LEEDS	7		
WIMBLEDON	LIVERPOOL	8		
HUDDERSFIELD	IPSWICH	9		
MILLWALL	BARNESLEY	10		
OLDHAM	WEST BROM.	11		
PORT VALE	PORTSMOUTH	12		
READING	LUTON	13		
SHEFF. UTD	NORWICH	14		
SUNDERLAND	SOUTHEND	15		
TRANMERE	CHARLTON	16		
WATFORD	STOKE	17		
WOLVES	GRIMSBY	18		
BLACKPOOL	STOCKPORT	19		
BRISTOL C.	BRIGHTON	20		
CARLISLE	BURNLEY	21		
CREWE	SHREWSBURY	22		
HULL	OXFORD UTD	23		
NOTTS COUNTY	BOURNEMOUTH	24		
ROTHERHAM	BRENTFORD	25		
SWINDON	CHESTERFIELD	26		
WALSALL	SWANSEA	27		
WREXHAM	BRADFORD C.	28		
WYCOMBE	PETERBORO	29		
YORK	BRISTOL R.	30		
CAMBRIDGE U.	BARNET	31		
CARDIFF	TORQUAY	32		
COLCHESTER	CHESTER	33		
FULHAM	DONCASTER	34		
HARTLEPOOL	DARLINGTON	35		
HEREFORD	PRESTON	36		
LINCOLN	ROCHDALE	37		
MANSFIELD	SCARBORO	38		
RESERVE MATCHES				
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	NORTHAMPTON	EXETER	39	
PLYMOUTH	LEYTON O.	40		
SCUNTHORPE	GILLINGHAM	41		
WIGAN A.	BURY	42		
SCOTTISH DIVISION 1	HEARTS	FALKIRK	43	
KILMARNOCK	HIBERNIAN	44		
MOTHERWELL	PARTICK	45		
RANGERS	RAITH	46		
SCOTTISH DIVISION 1	DUMBARTON	AIRDRIE	47	
DUNDEE U.	ST ANDREW	48		
DUNFERMLINE	CLYDEBANK	49		
G'N'C MORTON	DUNDEE	50		
HAMILTON	ST JOHNSTONE	51		
SCOTTISH DIVISION 2	AYR	FORFAR	52	
CLYDE	BERWICK	53		
EAST FIFE	MONTROSE	54		
Q. OF SOUTH	STRANRAER	53		

SCORE DRAWS ARE CALCULATED FROM GAME 38 BACKWARD

GET YOUR POOLS IN

Don't forget
Pools Quick Pick

MATCH RESULTS

WEEK 527
SAT. 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1995

ENGLISH DIVISION 1	CHARLTON	HUDDERSFIELD	1 2-1
GRIMSBY	WATFORD	2 0-0	
STOKE	OLDHAM	3 0-1	
BOURNEMOUTH	ROTHERHAM	4 2-1	
BRADFORD C.	WYCOMBE	5 0-4	
BENTFORD	SWINDON	6 0-2	
BRIGHTON	NOTTS COUNTY	7 1-0	
BRISTOL R.	WREXHAM	8 1-2	
BURNLEY	WALSALL	9 PP	
CHESTERFIELD	HULL	10 0-0	
PETERBORO	BRISTOL C.	11 1-1	
SHREWSBURY	BLACKPOOL	12 0-2	
STOCKPORT	CREWE	13 1-1	
BARNET	LINCOLN	14 3-1	
BURY	PLYMOUTH	15 0-5	
CHESTER	HEREFORD	16 2-1	
DARLINGTON	CARDIFF	17 0-1	
DONCASTER	HARTEPOOL	18 1-0	
EXETER	SCUNTHORPE	19 1-0	
GILLINGHAM	COLCHESTER	20 0-1	
LEYTON O.	FULHAM	21 1-0	
PRESTON	CAMBRIDGE U.	22 3-3	
ROCHDALE	NORTHAMPTON	23 1-2	
SCARBORO	WIGAN A.	24 0-0	
TORQUAY	MANSFIELD	25 1-1	
ALTRINCHAM	KID'MINSTER	26 1-1	
BROMSGROVE	DOVER	27 3-0	
FARNBORO	NORTHWICH	28 0-1	
GATESHEAD	STEVENAGE	29 2-2	
HALIFAX	WELLING UTD	30 2-1	
HEDNESFORD	WOKING	31 2-1	
KETTERING	SOUTHPORT	32 1-1	
MACCLESFIELD	BATH	33 0-1	
MORECAMBE	SLOUGH	34 1-2	
RUNCORN	DAGENHAM & R.	35 2-0	
STALYBRIDGE	TELFORD	36 2-2	
BLYTH SP.	MATLOCK	37 3-0	
*	BUXTON	SPENNYMOOR	38 1-1

RESULTS AND DIVIDEND

HOTLINES

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THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 2/9/95 WEEK 527

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURED	NO. OF WEEKS NUMBER OCCURED
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Results History is from Week 38, the start of six from 38 Pools

RESULTS OF

WEEK 527 SAT. SEPTEMBER 2, 1995

Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order):

22, 26, 29, 32, 36, 38.

Supplementary Number 25.

SOCCER POOLS FORM GUIDE

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE	SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE
Millwall	Exeter
Leicester	Fulham
Ipswich	Cambridge
Charlton	Wigan
Norwich	Leyton Orient
Birmingham	Hereford
Barnsley	Rochdale
Oldham	Preston
West Bromwich	Bury
Tranmere	Cardiff
Crystal Palace	Scarborough
Huddersfield	Darlington
Reading	Scunthorpe
Grimsby	Mansfield
Wolverhampton	Barnet
Derby	Lincoln
Luton	Torquay
Southend	Hartlepool
Sunderland	Plymouth
Port Vale	Greenock Morton
Portsmouth	Dundee United
Watford	Airdrieonians
Stoke	St Johnstone
Sheffield United	Hamilton
ENGLISH DIVISION TWO	SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO
Swindon	East Fife
Blackpool	Berwick
Bournemouth	Clydebank
Bradford	Dundee
Swansea	St Miren
Bristol Rovers	Greenock Morton
Crewe	Dunfermline
Stockport	Dumbarton
Oxford	Clyde
Wycombe	Clydebank
Chesterfield	Stenhousemuir
Notts County	Queen of South
Brentford	Stranraer
Burnley	Stirling
Wrexham	Ayr
Brighton	Montrose
Bristol City	Ross County
Hull	Livingston
Peterborough	Brechin
Walsall	Cowdenbeath
Rotherham	Alloa
Shrewsbury	Queen's Park
Carlisle	Arbroath
York	Albion
ENGLISH DIVISION THREE	SCOTTISH DIVISION THREE
Gillingham	Caledonian
Doncaster	East Stirling
Northampton	East Fife
Chester	Montrose
Colchester	Livingston

GAME TO GO ON

The Football Association (FA) said last week England would not allow the kidnapping of a British diplomat by Colombian terrorists to jeopardise tomorrow's (Wednesday) Wembley friendly against the South American side.

David Davies, the FA's director of public affairs, expressed his sympathy for the family of Staff Sergeant Timothy Cowley.

But he insisted circumstances did not bear comparison with the Balkan situation, which forced the postponement of the original September 6 fixture against Croatia.

"There is no debate about the relationship between the British and Colombian governments. This is more of a personal, private problem," said Davies.

"Our concern is for Sgt Cowley's family, but there is no international or political dispute which affects the game," he added.

Surprise omissions from England squad

Coventry winger John Salako was picked by coach Terry Venables in the England squad to meet Colombia in a friendly international at Wembley tomorrow (Wednesday).

Salako, who last played for England in 1991 was a surprise inclusion in a squad remarkable for the absence of Internazionale Milan's Paul Ince and in-form Newcastle United striker Les Ferdinand.

Salako has five England caps.

Also absent from the first of the season's European championship finals warm-up matches was Tottenham Hotspur's injured forward Darren Anderton, who has missed only two of Venables's 10 matches in charge and played in all four so far this year. Venables included

Paul Gascoigne, although injury could rule him out. The coach originally named a 23-strong squad to give himself plenty of cover.

Arsenal goalkeeper David Seaman and captain Tony Adams and Liverpool's Rob Jones were recalled after missing the Umbro Cup international tournament in June. Newcastle pair Steve Howey and Robert Lee also returned to the squad.

Controversial Chelsea forward Dennis Wise was also brought back in after being dropped like Ince last season when they became embroiled in criminal charges from which they were acquitted. Wise was ruled out of the summer tournament through injury.

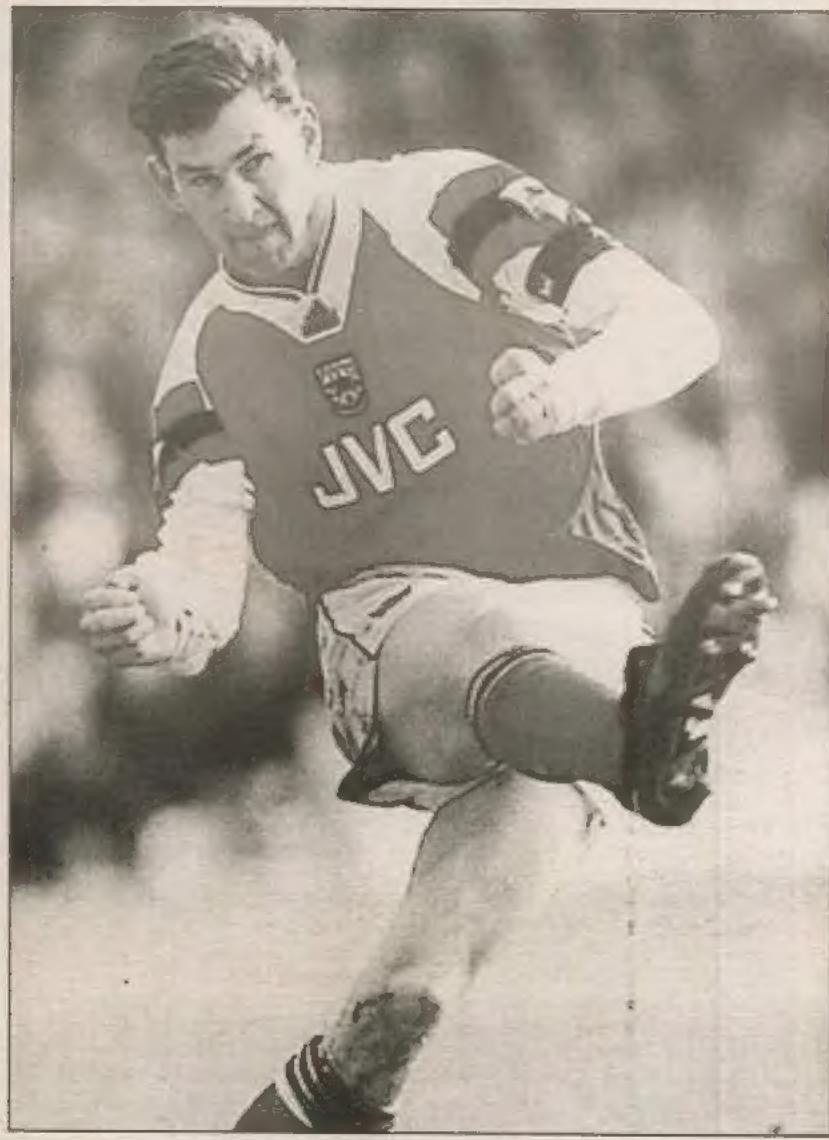
Former Manchester United star Ince upset Venables by pulling out to go on holiday. See Page 23 for more England team news.

ENGLAND SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS: David Seaman (Arsenal), Tim Flowers (Blackburn). **DEFENDERS:** Rob Jones (Liverpool), Gary Neville (Man Utd), Tony Adams (Arsenal), Steve Howey (Newcastle), Gary Pallister (Man Utd), Graham Le Saux (Blackburn), Stuart Pearce (Nottm Forest).

MIDFIELD: Steve McManaman (Liverpool), Robert Lee (Newcastle), Jamie Redknapp (Liverpool), David Batty (Blackburn), John Barnes (Liverpool), Paul Gascoigne (Rangers), Dennis Wise (Chelsea).

FORWARDS: Teddy Sheringham (Tottenham), Peter Beardsley (Newcastle), Nick Barnby (Middlesbrough), John Salako (Coventry), Alan Shearer (Blackburn). See Page 23 for more England team news.



Tony Adams: Solid England central defender.

LIVERPOOL LEGEND'S GOOD NEWS

Former England star Ray Kennedy, forced to sell his medals and caps after being struck down by Parkinson's Disease, said he was overjoyed last week after a millionaire benefactor left some of the mementoes to his son.

The 44-year-old former Arsenal and Liverpool midfielder auctioned the medals and international caps in 1993, but now the purchaser of several of Kennedy's 17 England caps has left them in his will to the footballer's 14-year-old son, Dale.

"It is really fantastic, a very nice gesture. It was heart-breaking to have to lose all the mementoes of my career but with my health being as it is, I had to ensure my financial stability," said Kennedy.

"I didn't even know who had bought the caps but he must have been a really nice guy."

The caps were left in the will of Lawrence Levy, of north London, who died on April 19.

The sale of his footballing honours, including medals commemorating Arsenal's 1971 League and FA Cup double and Liverpool's 1977 European Cup win, raised \$A184,600 at Christie's in Glasgow.

PLAYER SHOT BY GUNMAN IN ENGLAND

A soccer team's captain was shot in the chest during a match - and played on to help his side win the game.

Winsford United skipper Elfyn Edwards was struck by one of a series of air rifle shots during the Cheshire side's home match against Merseyside club Marine.

Spectators in the 210-strong crowd chased the gunman, who escaped, while referee Richard Sutton halted the match for five minutes so Edwards could receive attention.

He refused to be substituted and stayed on the pitch to steer his side to a 1-0 victory in the floodlit Unibond Premier Division match last night.

United general manager Ernie Welch said a linesman heard three or four shots whistle past and Edwards felt something hit him. On checking his chest he saw the round pellet marks.

"Elfyn is something of a Captain Marvel. He was shot but bravely carried on for the rest of the game," he said.

Cheshire police were investigating.

SPURS ON THE MARKET



Jurgen Klinsmann: Fell out with Spurs Chairman Alan Sugar. Sugar now wants to sell the club.

Tottenham chairman Alan Sugar was reported last week to have put the club up for sale for \$A104.91 million.

"I'm sick of all the aggravation," Sugar told the London Sun newspaper. "I'm not going to stand the abuse any longer. I'm absolutely serious about selling."

The electronics tycoon has been subjected to personal abuse by Spurs supporters angry at the club's poor start to the season.

It has not won any of its first three matches, scored only two goals and sits second-last on the standings with one point from a drawn match.

After the August 27 3-1 loss at home to Liverpool, supporters waited outside White Hart Lane to abuse Sugar as he drove out.

"If anyone thinks they have got the money and could do a better job than me, then come forward."

"Give me back the money I'm owed, purchase my shares and I'll be off for the benefit of the club."

Sugar's comments follow

reports on the weekend that last season's Footballer of the Year Juergen Klinsmann blamed the chairman's lack of ambition for his decision to return to Germany after just one season with the London club.

Klinsmann said he was disillusioned when he could not have an answer from Sugar and manager Gerry Francis whether money would be spent on strengthening the team for this season.

"He only ever talks about money. He never talks about the game," Klinsmann said of Sugar.

"I would say there is a big question mark over whether Sugar's heart is in the club and in football. The big question is what he likes more, the business or the football?"

Sugar and Francis spent up last year, buying Klinsmann and Romanian pair Gica Popescu and Ilie Dumitrescu.

Klinsmann and Popescu have since left, with Spurs barely recouping their initial investments.

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EUROPEAN CUP

CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE DRAW

GROUP A

Panathinaikos (Greece)
x-Nantes (France)
x-FC Porto (Portugal)
Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine)

GROUP B

x-Spartak Moscow (Russia)
Legia Warsaw (Poland)
Rosenborg (Norway)
x-Blackburn Rovers (England)

GROUP C

Glasgow Rangers (Scotland)
x-Borussia Dortmund (Germany)
x-Juventus (Italy)
Steaua Bucharest (Romania)

GROUP D

Ferencvaros (Hungary)
x-Ajax Amsterdam (Holland)
x-Real Madrid (Spain)
Grasshoppers Zurich (Switz.)

X - DENOTES SEEDED TEAM

SEPTEMBER 13

GROUP A		
Nantes	v	FC Porto
Dynamo Kiev	v	Panathinaikos
GROUP B		
Legia Warsaw	v	Rosenborg
Blackburn	v	Spartak Moscow
GROUP C		
Borussia Dortmund	v	Juventus
Steaua Bucharest	v	Glasgow Rangers
GROUP D		
Ajax Amsterdam	v	Real Madrid
Grasshoppers	v	Ferencvaros

NOVEMBER 1

GROUP A		
Panathinaikos	v	FC Porto
Dynamo Kiev	v	Nantes
GROUP B		
Spartak Moscow	v	Rosenborg
Blackburn Rovers	v	Legia Warsaw
GROUP C		
Glasgow Rangers	v	Juventus
Steaua Bucharest	v	Borussia Dortmund
GROUP D		
Ferencvaros	v	Real Madrid
Grasshoppers	v	Ajax Amsterdam

SEPTEMBER 27

GROUP A		
Panathinaikos	v	Nantes
FC Porto	v	Dynamo Kiev
GROUP B		
Spartak Moscow	v	Legia Warsaw
Rosenborg	v	Blackburn Rovers
GROUP C		
Glasgow Rangers	v	Borussia Dortmund
Juventus	v	Steaua Bucharest
GROUP D		
Ferencvaros	v	Ajax Amsterdam
Real Madrid	v	Grasshoppers

NOVEMBER 22

GROUP A		
Panathinaikos	v	Dynamo Kiev
FC Porto	v	Nantes
GROUP B		
Spartak Moscow	v	Blackburn Rovers
Rosenborg	v	Legia Warsaw
GROUP C		
Glasgow Rangers	v	Steaua Bucharest
Juventus	v	Borussia Dortmund
GROUP D		
Ferencvaros	v	Grasshoppers
Real Madrid	v	Ajax Amsterdam

OCTOBER 18

GROUP A		
Nantes	v	Dynamo Kiev
FC Porto	v	Panathinaikos
GROUP B		
Legia Warsaw	v	Blackburn Rovers
Rosenborg	v	Spartak Moscow
GROUP C		
Borussia Dortmund	v	Steaua Bucharest
Juventus	v	Glasgow Rangers
GROUP D		
Ajax Amsterdam	v	Grasshoppers
Real Madrid	v	Ferencvaros

DECEMBER 6

GROUP A		
Nantes	v	Panathinaikos
Dynamo Kiev	v	FC Porto
GROUP B		
Legia Warsaw	v	Spartak Moscow
Blackburn Rovers	v	Rosenborg
GROUP C		
Borussia Dortmund	v	Glasgow Rangers
Steaua Bucharest	v	Juventus
GROUP D		
Ajax Amsterdam	v	Ferencvaros
Grasshoppers	v	Real Madrid